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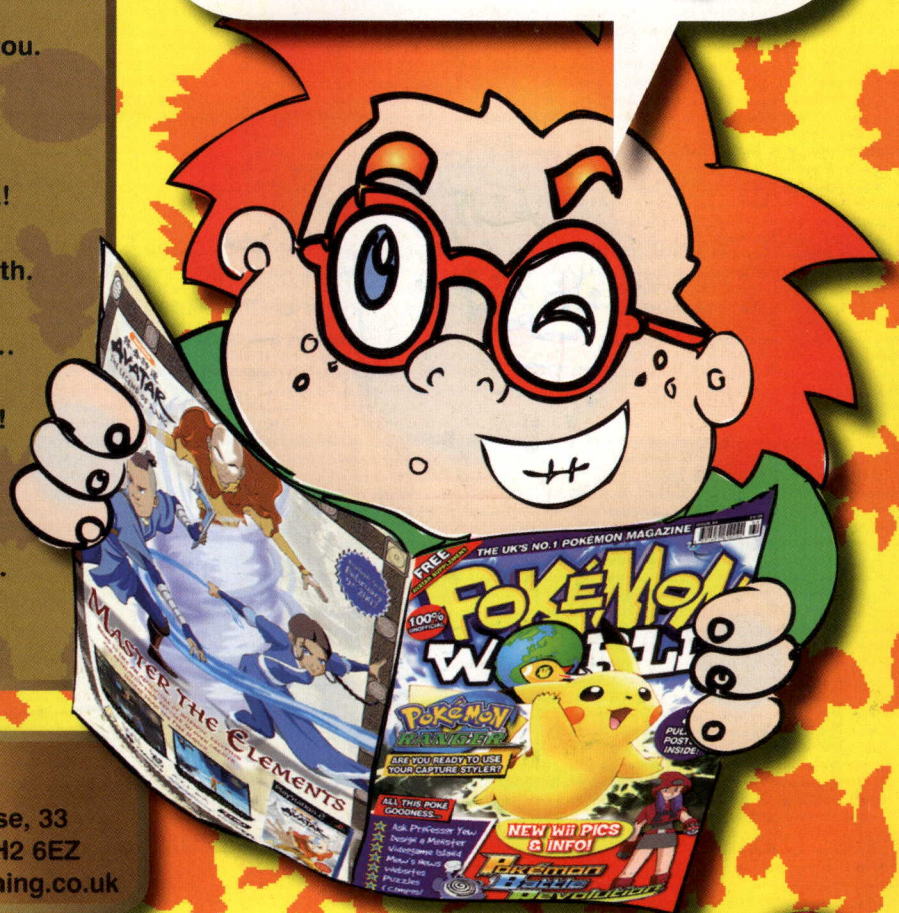
Stu Yew



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MEW'S NEWS

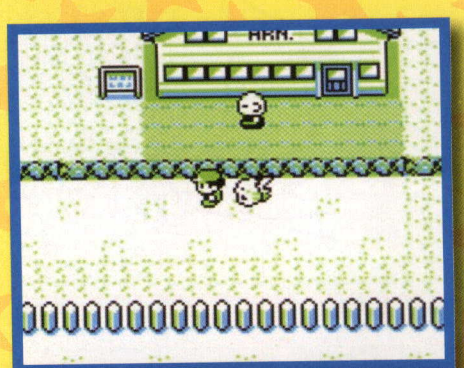
Flippin' heck! February already and I've only just got used to Pokémon World Towers without the Christmas decorations! News is a bit thinner this issue, coz there's not much happening! 'Til next time...

2ND BEST-SELLING GAME OF ALL TIME!

only losing to Mario – wow!

THE INDEPENDENT

We don't very often feature newspapers like The Independent in Pokémon World, but we thought you would like to know the results of its 'Best-Selling Videogame Franchises' survey that its has just carried out. You guessed it – Pokémon was right up there at number two in its chart. 155 million Pokémon games have been sold throughout the world. Mario was the only game character to beat Pokémon at 193 million, but when you consider that the fat plumber has been around far longer than Pokémon, we think that the true victory belongs to our beloved Pocket Monsters! Interestingly, Nintendo's games were the only ones to break the 100 million mark. Read more about the survey at www.independent.co.uk.



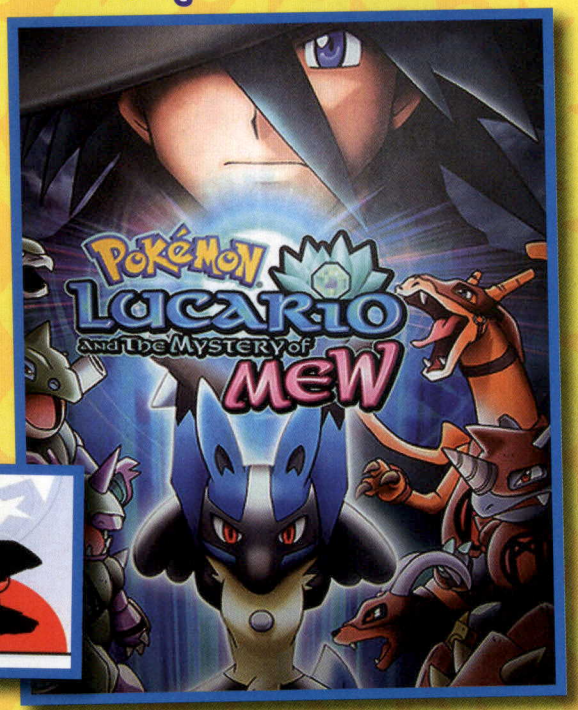
And to think... it all started out with a little yellow creature called...

...Pikachu on the good old Game Boy!

UP FOR AN AWARD!

Can Pokémon win an Anime prize?

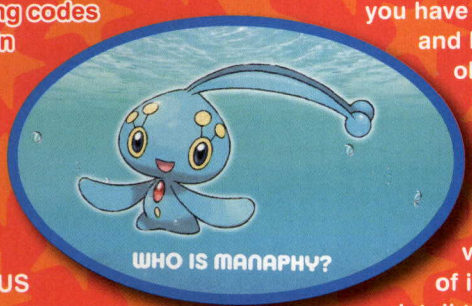
Stateside, the eighth Pokémon movie, Lucario And The Mystery of Mew, has been nominated for Best Anime Feature at the first annual American Anmie Awards. The event will take place in New York on 24 February. Now, while we realise that you probably won't have seen the movie yet, if you're a big enough Pokémon fan you can actually vote for the movie on the event's website. Point your browser to www.americananimeawards.com to make your vote count! Now while we wait for a UK release, we hear that the first Pokémon movie is being shown on Five TV!



MANAPHY CODE!

Excitment builds for new Pokémon!

One thing Nintendo and Pokémon Company really love doing is hiding codes and secrets in one Pokémon game that allow you to unlock new things in another Pokémon game at a later date. As we finish this issue, they're all excited on the Official US Pokémon website because the code to release a Manaphy Egg in Pokémon Ranger is about to be revealed.



You can see what happened by going to www.pokemon.com/manaphy. Once you have a Manaphy Egg code and have completed the objectives set on the website, you will be able to transfer your egg to the new Diamond & Pearl games and raise a Manaphy of your very own. It's this kind of interaction and level of detail that has made Pokémon such a roaring success! Well done everyone involved. Excellent work!

WHAT'S ON TV?

SKY ONE

POKÉMON ADVANCED CHALLENGE

Every day, 7.00am

Catch a new Pokémon episode every day on Sky One. This month, Ash and Flannery begin their battle, Ash with his Corphish and Flannery with her newly-evolved Magcargo. Flannery is determined; are Ash's Pokémon strong enough?

YU-GI-OH: ENTER THE SHADOW REALM

Every day, 7.30am

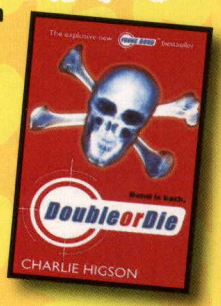
Then when Pokémon Advanced Challenge is over, Yu-Gi-Oh! is on. Catch the episode where Seto challenges his virtual brother to a duel inside Kaibaland. As the fight intensifies, Noa uses the Miracle Arc card. Well it's not as good as Pokémon, but it beats CBeebies!

DOWN THE BOOK SHOP

A closer look at the shelf of your local book shop...

YOUNG BOND: DOUBLE OR DIE

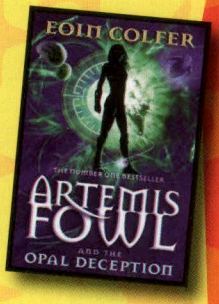
by Charlie Higson



Kidnap. Violence. Explosions. Murder. No ordinary weekend. But then, James Bond is no ordinary boy. This book is crammed with top action for the young James Bond.

ARTEMIS FOWL AND THE OPAL DECEPTION

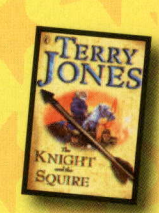
by Eoin Colfer



Evil pixie, Opal Koboi, is back and she's more dangerous than ever. This time she doesn't just want power over the Fairy People - she wants the humans too. Captain Holly Short is the only fairy with a hope of stopping her, but as Holly knows, it takes one genius criminal mastermind to fight another.

THE KNIGHT AND THE SQUIRE

by Terry Jones



Tom is looking for excitement and adventure. More than anything, he wants to be a knight's squire on a crusade.

WHO CAN CATCH 'EM ALL?

There are now 493 Pokémon!

With the release of Pokémon Diamond & Pearl bringing the fourth generation of Pokémon into the mix, there will be a collosal total of 493 Pocket Monsters out there for us to collect! And you thought that finding them all in the old Game Boy Advance games was hard enough! In the Nintendo DS games the new Pokémon all have two different types to look out for – male and female. They are different in very subtle ways, but your Pokédex won't be complete without one of each. If you would like a sneaky peak at these new Pokémon, the website Serebii.net has already stripped all the sprites out of the game, male and female, and collected lots of very exciting info. Point your browser at www.serebii.net/pokedex-dp and you will see!

WIN! WIN! WIN!

STARFOX COMMAND

WIN! A NINTENDO DS LITE & FIVE STARFOX GAMES

Nintendo has a fab new StarFox game coming out on the Nintendo DS – read our review over on page 23! It's provided us with games and a new DS Lite to give away. Just send your answers to... **pokemonworld@imagine-publishing.co.uk** or post it to our usual address marking your letter '**StarFox Compo**'...

What was the original name for Starfox in the UK?

A. Starclaw
B. Starmaker
C. Starwing

Put your name, address, age and console you own on your entry and get it to us no later than 1 April – good luck everyone!

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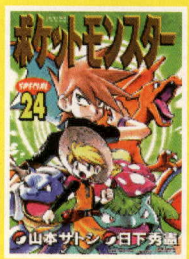
BIG NEWS!!

POCKET MONSTERS SPECIAL BOOK!

Fans of rare Japanese Pocket Monsters memorabilia will be happy to learn that the latest issue of Pocket Monsters Special, volume 24 to be precise, was released on 26 January. Published by Shogakukan under the Ladybird Comics Special label, the manga series of stories starring all your favourite Pokémon became an instant hit in the United States and Japan. We've never really seen it over in England though, but you will be able to pick up a copy at the Japan Centre Book Shop in London. The original sells for ¥460, which is about £2, but expect to pay more for it on import. Check out www.japancentre.com for more info, or the original website (in Japanese of course!) at http://netkun.com/pockemon.



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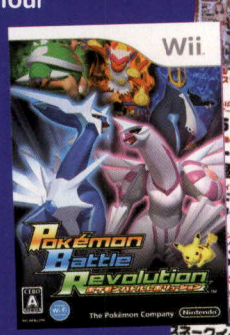
BATTLE REVOLUTION SCORED!

Well-respected Japanese gaming magazine Famitsu has delivered the first verdict on Nintendo Wii's Pokémon Battle Revolution. The four reviewers scored the game 9, 9, 8 and 9 giving an overall score of 35 out of 40! Coming from Famitsu, who is known around the world for giving harsh scores to games, this is indeed a glowing review for the first Next Generation Pokémon game, and makes us even more excited about the game's European release later in the year.



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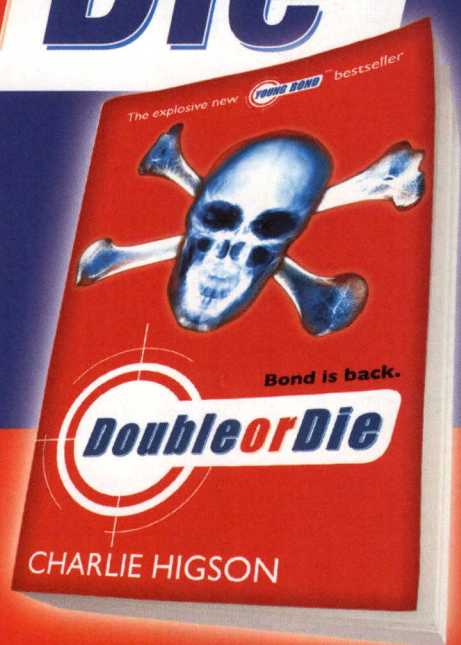

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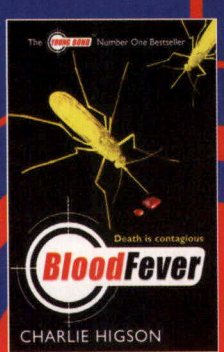
Sunday Express



'Very clever Mr Bond, very clever indeed'
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screen burst!

Want to catch up with the great Pokémon games that are coming your way this year? Well the Screen Burst is the place to do it. You'll be playing Ranger this April, and Diamond & Pearl before the year is out!

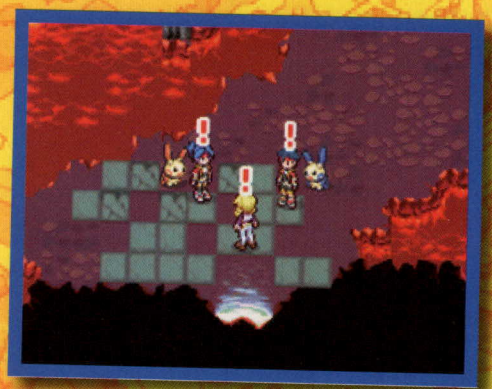
Pokémon Ranger®

Console Nintendo DS
From Nintendo
Due out April

Coming your way around Easter time, Pokémon Ranger is another new Pokémon experience to keep you going until Diamond & Pearl are released. The idea this time is that you must work as a Pokémon Ranger in the Fiore Region, preserve nature and protect the precious Pokémon from danger.

The major shift in gameplay in this game is the fact that it uses the Nintendo DS stylus for capturing Pokémon! The stylus is known in the game as the Capture Styler, and you must draw circles around the monsters to capture them. Of course, they don't like this very much and will do everything in their power to get out of your circles, using their special abilities and moves to outwit you. Each Pokémon needs a different number of circles drawn around them to capture them, so the trick is in learning how to do this quickly, and how to distract the more tricky monsters! Once you have the Pokémon you need you can set them to work, helping you take care of nature!

200 of your favourite Pokémon star in the game and you can work your way up the Ranger ranks by succeeding in official missions. Nintendo certainly knows how to appeal to its target Pokémon audience, and Ranger has lots of secrets, including hatching a new kind of Pokémon – Manaphy – in a special egg! This Pokémon can then be transferred to Diamond or Pearl!



With Pokémon captured, they can help you in your missions.

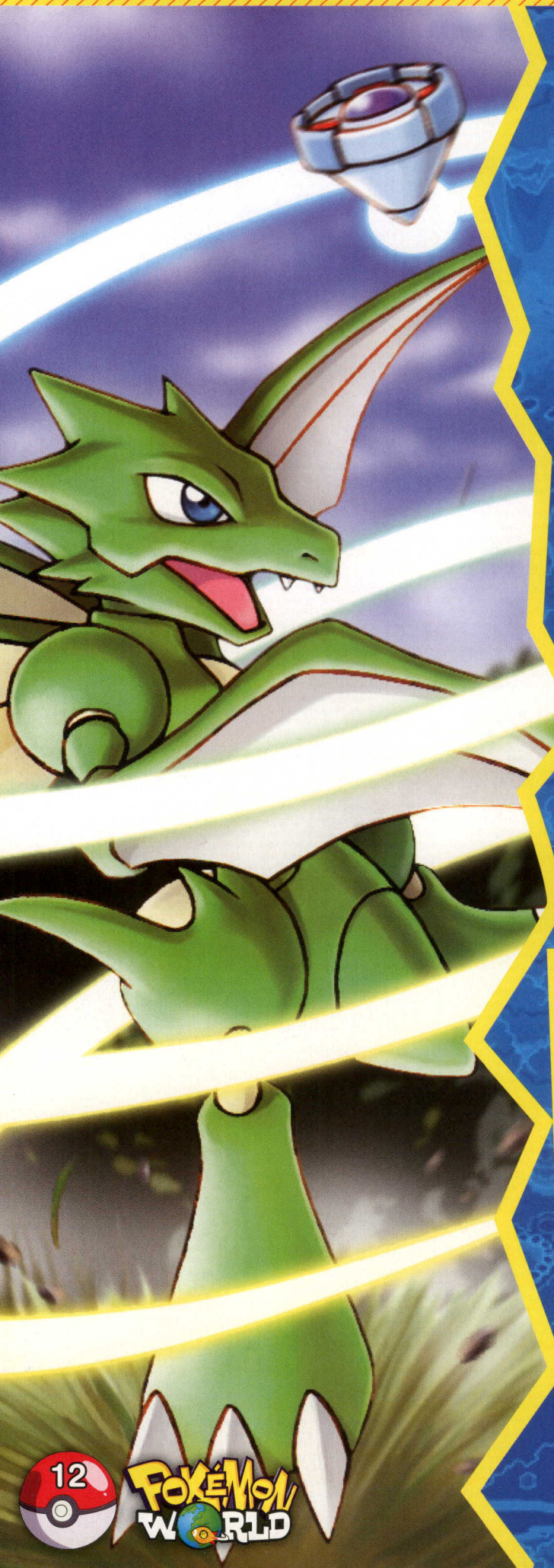
Some Pokémon are tricky, you will need others to Poké Assist you!

There are lots of exciting locations to explore in Ranger.

The Capture Styler leaves a trail that is broken if the Pokémon break out.

Yeah! Lots of new Pokémon fun!

The paths around Fiore are frought with danger.



Pokémon® Diamond & Pearl

At last! The true Pokémon sequels are nearing completion for us English speakers with the latest estimate to be summertime for a release. The games take place in the new region of Shinou with things kicking off in Futaba Town. The most amazing thing about the new games is that an entirely new set of Pokémon will be

Console Nintendo DS
From Nintendo
Due out Summer?

The two DS screens are put to good use in these games.

introduced taking the total to 493! The covers of the two games star the **Legendary Pokémon Diaruga**, who has the power over space, and Parukia, with the power over time.

Being the first real Nintendo DS Pokémon, you can expect plenty of Wi-Fi features to be built in. **Online battling and trading will be available**, but more exciting is the DS online voice chat function that will allow you to chat with other like-minded Pokémon fans, all around the world, for free! You access these great Wi-Fi functions by **visiting the lower level of the Pokémon Center** in the game.

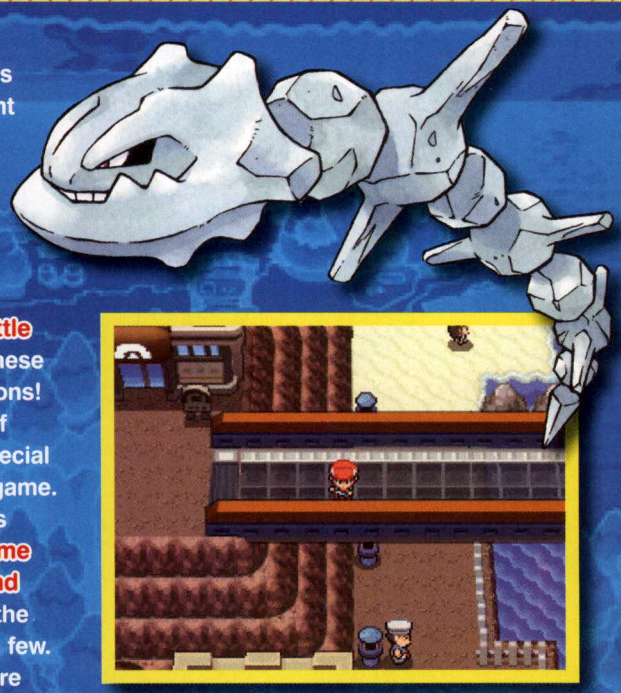
As the adventure progresses, time passes and morning turns to day, day to evening and evening to night with the lighting in each location changing accordingly. Of course, **some Pokémon only come out at night**, so you're going to have to play at all times of the day and night to 'catch 'em all'!

So much detail has been crammed into these new games you really will be bowled over by it all. The Pokémon are even now **split into male and female versions**, so if you want a complete collection, you'll have to catch 'em twice! The males and females all have slight differences to watch out for – Butterfrees, for example, have a slightly different marking on their lower wing. Woopers have different antenna and Scizors have different sized bodies.

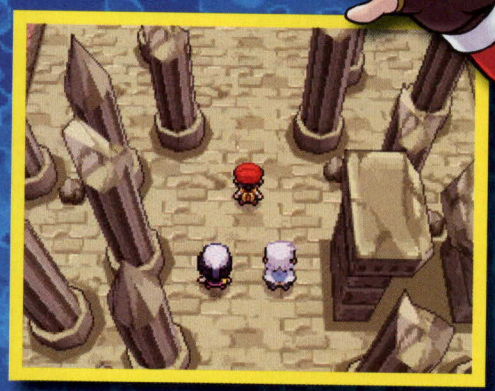
So what about trading Pokémon between games then? Well, of course, this function is alive and well in Diamond & Pearl. Not only can you transfer your captured Pokémon from **Ruby, Sapphire, Emerald, FireRed and LeafGreen**, but you will also be able to transfer Manaphy from Pokémon Ranger! Wow, that's going to be a lot of time spent on admin screens watching those monsters whizz from one game to the other. Then, to enhance things further, Diamond & Pearl can be linked up to the new Wii game **Pokémon Batttle Revolution**, transferring all these Pokémon into large 3D versions!

To help you keep track of everything, there's even a special PokéWatch you wear in the game. It's called a Pokétchi and has over 20 functions in total – **time management, type charts and monitoring the Pokémon** in the Breeding Center being just a few.

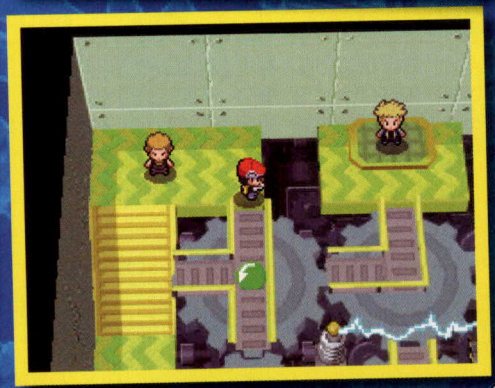
Wow, Diamond & Pearl are certainly shaping up to be the definitive Pokémon RPGs, and games that no Pokémon fan can possibly be without. We will have competitions, reviews, tips and cheats on the games in the coming issues of Pokémon World, so keep on buying your regular Pokémon read to keep up with everything!



These are games that you won't be completing in a hurry!



The Pokémon battles will be more exciting than ever before!



So many stairs and corridors to explore – we'll never see it all!

WHY DO I NEED IT?

Battle Revolution takes everything that was good about the Colosseum and Stadium games, adds a perfectly playable online mode, and then makes it even better with some pretty visuals.

Pokémon Battle Revolution

Nintendo at last gives us the chance to take our Pokémon into battle against hopefuls from all around the world. They'd better watch out...

"Thank you for flying today with Pokémon Pia Jet. We will shortly be arriving at Poketopia." And so, with that announcement and a vision of blue, blue sky, Pokémon Battle Revolution on the Wii begins.

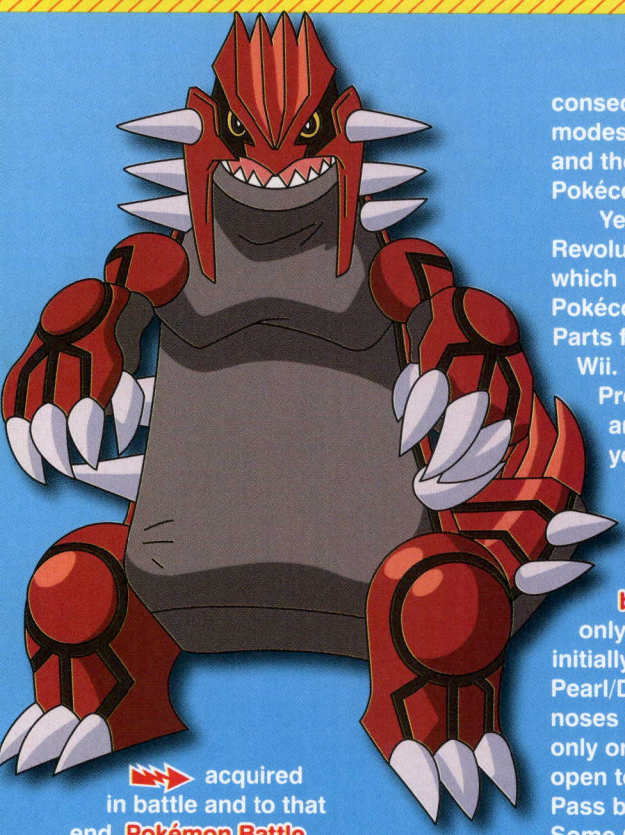
"Welcome to Poketopia!" exclaims Anna, the blonde tour guide with Pikachu at her side. This is a coastal Las Vegas, only with even more lights (and a few more Pokémon, naturally).

"Poketopia is the theme park where Pokémon trainers from all over the world meet for Pokémon battles." There's chintzy hotel music playing. This is the base from which we – and eventually you, dear readers, when the game finally hits European shores later in the year – can put our Pokémon together in battle.

However, it's not quite as immediate as we expected it to be. First, there are formalities to be upheld. Pokémon Battle Passes are required for entry to battles in Revolution's Colosseum Mode. These passes are cards that store your play data – what you have been doing as a trainer and which Pokémon you currently possess, along with all their individual stats. Each trainer is equipped with six different Pokémon, your choice will be based entirely on personal preference. Alternatively, if you have Pokémon Diamond or Pearl and your DS to hand, your Pokémon from those titles can be copied to Battle Revolution via its Storage Menu, and if you do that you'll also be rewarded with an Original Pass.

Pottaishi takes its place in a Wi-Fi battle at the Street Colosseum.

Of course, all respect and kudos within the Pokémon universe is



acquired in battle and to that end, **Pokémon Battle Revolution's Battle Menu provides all sorts of options to keep the level-uppers happy**. To begin with, there's Free Battle mode, which enables a quick two-player battle on the same system (while online battles are dealt with in a separate Wi-Fi Mode). Then there's Colosseum Battle mode, which is a kind of progressive arcade mode wherein you battle against a succession of trainers possessing gradually increasing skill levels. If you keep on winning consecutive battles in either of these modes, **Perfect Points are awarded** and these can be cashed in for Pokécoupons.

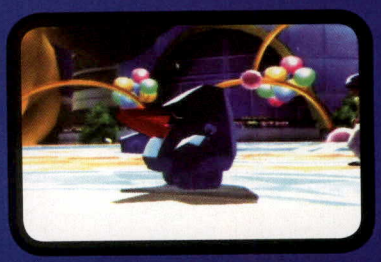
Yes, coupons. Pokémon Battle Revolution has a Shop Mode, you see, which is where you can use those Pokécoupons to buy Co-ordinate Parts for subsequent battles on the Wii. There are also Mysterious Presents available for purchase, and these can be sent back to your DS copy of Pokémon Pearl or Diamond. Beyond those features, there are also new Colosseums to unlock.

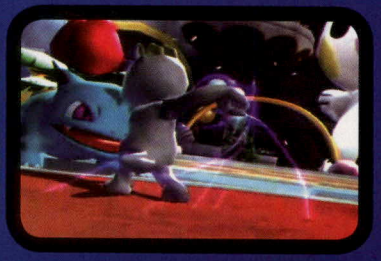
Revolution features ten battle arenas in all, although only half that number are available initially (and again, just to rub non-Pearl/Diamond players' noses in it, there's only one Colosseum open to Rental Pass borrowers). Some Colosseums affect the way battles are played out. **The Casino Theatre Colosseum, for instance, plays its own game of Roulette**, which can affect the order of attacks between players; the Water Colosseum plays with trainers' chosen Pokémon orders; and Crystal Colosseum is big enough to hold 16-player tournaments.

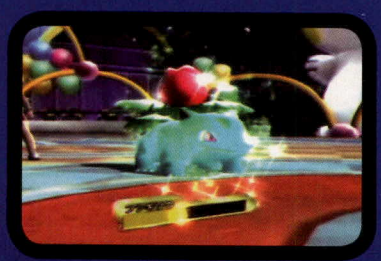
A record of all your battles is kept in Revolution's Profile Mode, just so you don't forget, and this can be accessed at any time. It's useful for showing off to friends, yes, but it also provides a handy display of your progress beyond Pearl/Diamond and through to Revolution. It also enables you to **write a brief introduction to explain who you are and where you're at** – this is displayed online for everyone to see.

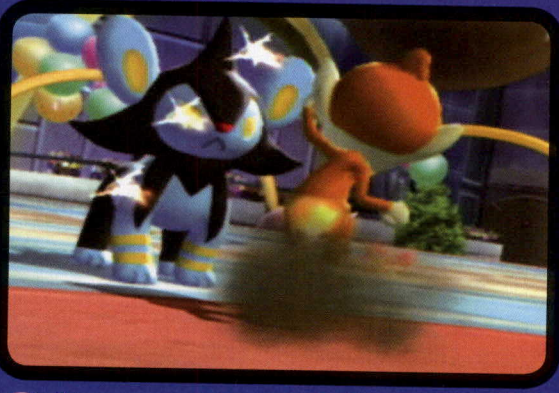
In our first online battle we came up against someone called Tora-san from somewhere in Japan. He/she (let's keep this politically correct, now) had a Level 200 Lugia and a similarly powered Freezer Pokémon. We had a

Pokémon's not just for boys, you know! There are some tough female trainers around!









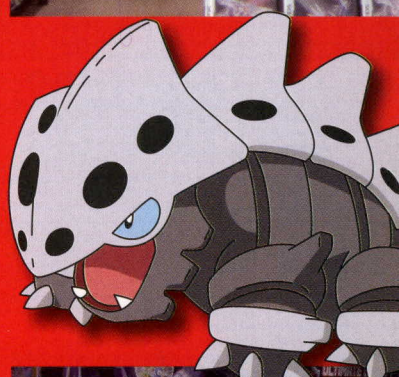
Now we get to see each Pokémon's moves in all their spectacular glory – hooray!

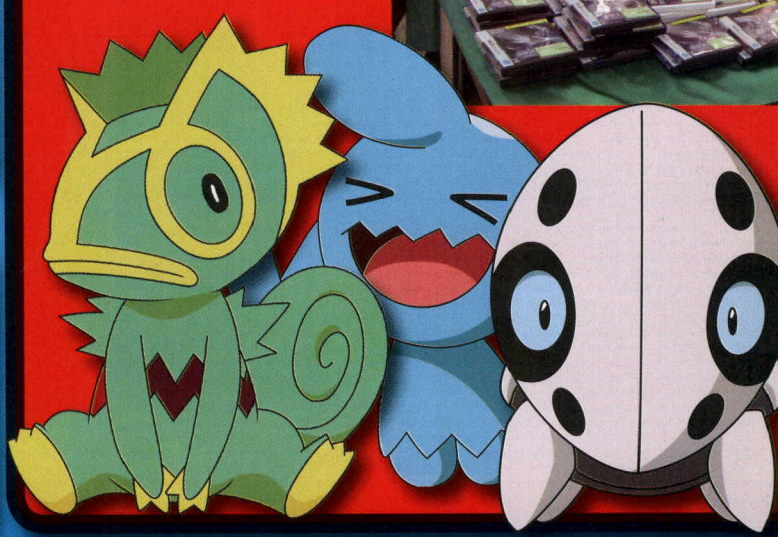
Level 50 Pidgeotto and a Gabite. Little surprise that we were thoroughly beaten by them. Oh dear. Once an online battle ends, there's an opportunity for Pokémon to be exchanged. Needless to say, Tora-san declined our generous offer. **We'll get you next time, Tora-san... next time**, just wait and see! Not that we're vindictive or anything.

To prevent online players from spending too much time in their decision-making process, Revolution initiates a 60-second countdown whenever players fail to make a move for a few minutes. And when your time is up, your time really is up. If you're counted out, victory is (quite fairly) awarded to the other player.

The World At Its Feet!

Is Pokémon still popular in Japan? You bet it is. We spoke to Yuji, a seven-year-old boy in Kyoto, Japan, about Pokémon's popularity and he explained it like this: "Some of my friends prefer Mushi King, but lots of other people at school really like Pokémon. I like the Pokémon Card Game and Dino King." So there. Also, at the time of writing, Diamond and Pearl are about to pass two million units sold. That's two million each. After three months at or near the top of the all-format Japanese sales chart, both games continue to shift almost 100,000 copies every week. Combined, they form the best-selling software of 2006 – on any format. Another sign that Pokémon is alive and kicking is its position in shops. No matter which Japanese game store you visit, you'll find that Pokémon software takes up a serious amount of shelf space. And not just because there are so many Pokémon games available – it's more about the fact that new releases in the series demand big promotions. Why? Because they're so popular. Just have a look at this display at a branch of Midori Denki (a Japanese version of Comet) if you don't believe us.





Before you even begin a battle, you're asked to choose the order in which you'd like your Pokémon to appear. Depending on the rules of a battle, you're able to choose a certain number of Pokémon from your Battle Pass, which contains six monsters. **You get a view of your opponent's deck before the battle begins**, but during the selection process you're blinded as to what choices the rival trainer has made. Once orders have been decided and any pre-battle superstitious customs you may have are completed, the game cuts to a Colosseum introduction sequence, leading to a split-screen display of both of the two contenders as they introduce their first Pokémon to the battle.

The Colosseums here **look much more impressive than they did in Pokémon Colosseum** on the GameCube, but there's still plenty of room for improvement. There are some pretty effects when Pokémon attack – such as Pottaishi's storm attack, which releases a deluge on the whole arena and splashes against the inside of your TV screen – but the overall level of visual impact is softened by the simplicity of the arenas. Anyway, Pokémon is not renowned for its visuals; as always, gameplay is king.

In battle, **you're presented with three options: attack, introduce another Pokémon, or retire** (clue: it's best not to retire before you begin a battle). Each Pokémon has four types of attack at its disposal. You select your desired move by pointing the Wii Remote at the menu. It doesn't really make any difference that you're using the Wii Remote in Revolution – the Classic Controller would have worked.

The difference between Revolution and previous home console Pokémon games comes **when you connect a DS to the Wii via Wi-Fi**.

With the DS acting as controller, the Pokémon from your copy of Pearl or Diamond can also be copied across to Revolution's storage facility. This, in turn, unlocks a DS Battle Mode that caters for as many as four Pearl/Diamond players in

DOES MY BUM LOOK BIG?

By using Pokécoupons in the game, you can buy various types of eyewear, footwear, shorts and trousers, bags, gloves, shirts and sweaters, badges, and wigs.

Networking Pokémon

Pokémon Battle Revolution has all the online options fans could possibly hope for, and then some. You can battle with other players of a similar skill level, and the game will automatically search for appropriate opponents. Or, if you prefer, you can battle Pokémon with your mates via the game's own friend list, even if their Pokémon are way more powerful than your puny creatures. What with Pokémon being turn-based and all, we didn't expect any lag at all; there is just a smidgen of slowdown in online battles, though, and it's particularly noticeable during some of the more intense attack animation sequences. Still, it doesn't affect the gameplay at all, so it really is nothing to worry about too much.

As an attack takes place, an energy bar pops up on screen to show what's going on.

On the move again, Pottaishi unleashes another painful beak attack.

any one location. Only two players can battle at once, but it still transforms Revolution into the basis of your **first living room Pokémon festival**. To get things set up, Revolution asks you to select 'Connect with Wii' from Pearl/Diamond's main menu screen (this option appears on the DS only when there's a Wii in the room). The procedure then automates, taking about **two minutes in total to copy across any Pokémon from the DS to the Wii**.

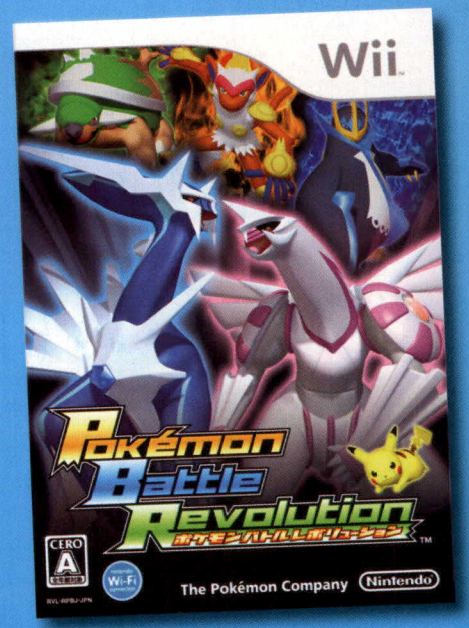
Turn the DS off at this point and you're ready to go to Storage Mode for some hi-res viewings of your old lo-res Pokémon. Here, you can also read info about your Pokémon, including **useful data such as the date and location where you acquired them**. Pokémon Battle Revolution can be used to compile an inventory of your entire Pokémon career – and the inventory is even viewed against a psychedelic backdrop!

Impressively, attack animations in Battle Revolution carry through all the way to impact. So unlike the olden days, when Pokémon was in black and white and attacks were registered without a view of the actual attacking process, Pokémon Battle Revolution shows us its hits. It's all the better for it, too – **the attack routines add some punch** to what otherwise would be fairly boring battle scenes.

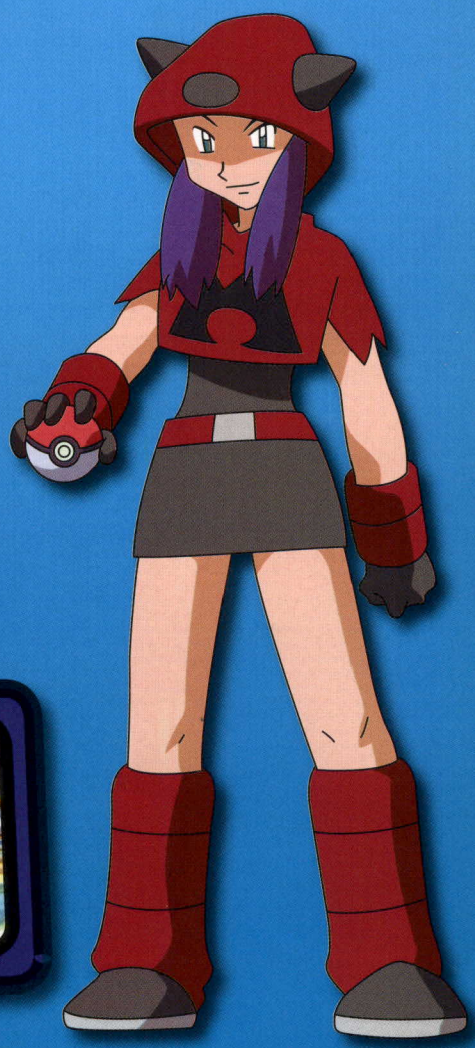
There's even an announcer who commentates during Battle Revolution encounters, although he can be switched off to save your sanity from his witterings!

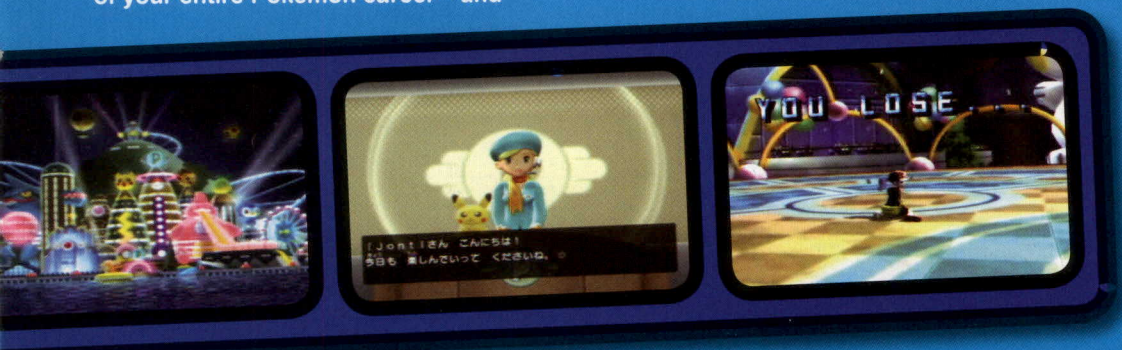
Although it's not going to be released in the UK for a very long time – heck, even Pokémon Pearl and Diamond are still a long way from release over here in the West – **Pokémon Battle Revolution will eventually give you a great platform for online Pokémon battles** and DS Pokémon interaction. It's not a big game, it's not an epic RPG, but for Pokémon fans it will certainly be indispensable. Now, where are you, Tora-san? We have some unfinished business.

Written by J. Davies



Pokémon Battle Revolution will release on Wii in the UK later in the year





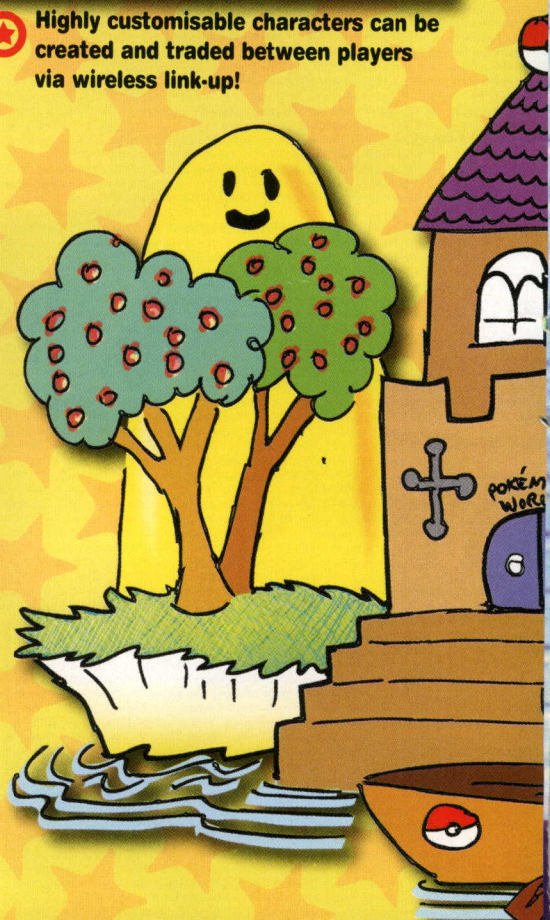
DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: TACTICS

Console	PSP
From	Atari
Due out	23 March

Dungeons & Dragons: Tactics from Atari brings the excitement of the D&D universe, created by Wizards Of The Coast, to the PSP for the first time ever! Players will be able to take a party of six adventurers into a wide variety of dangerous environments to experience deep and exciting turn-based action on the small screen. There's an original D&D storyline filled with intrigue, set in a newly created world, wireless options that allow gamers to play co-operatively through the single-player campaign with their friends, or take them on in a variety of challenging game modes. Then the icing on the cake is some great downloadable content to keep you coming back for more!

Highly customisable characters can be created and traded between players via wireless link-up!

Battle many different types of monsters from the Dungeons & Dragons universe, right in the palm of your hand!



FOSSIL LEAGUE

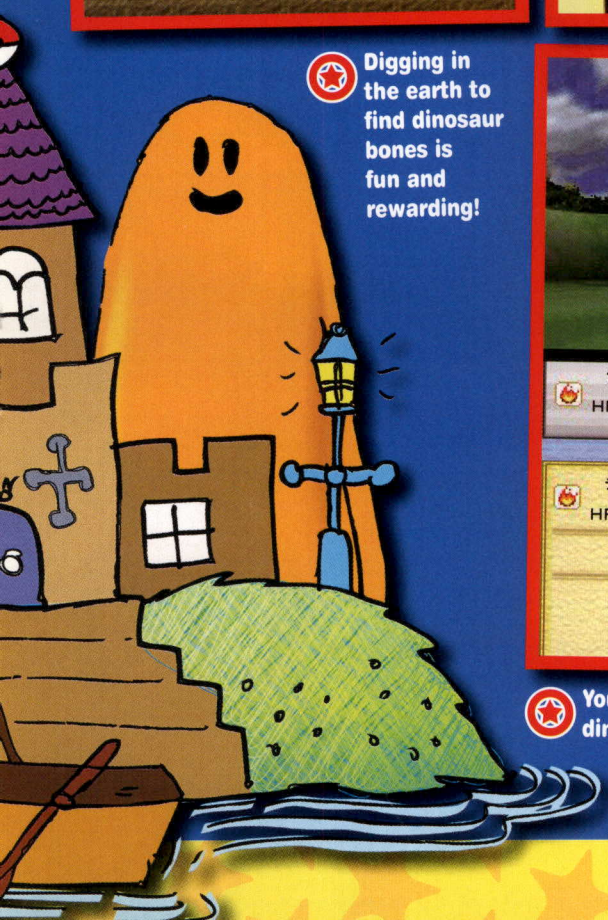
Console	Nintendo DS
From	D3 Publisher
Due out	23 February

Taiga, the boy action-star of Fossil League Dino Tournament Championship, has had **his most personal treasure stolen from him**! Named 'Big Mother', this fossil was given to him by his father shortly before his death just a few years ago. Fossil League Dino Tournament Championship is Taiga's **epic journey into Jurassic times** to recover his fossil form the 'X' marauders who took it from him.

As Taiga journeys through the different eras, he'll **rumble and tame many unique dinosaurs**, each with special powers to amaze you. You must strategically use each dinosaur and special items to battle the 'X' Crew or to win over dinosaurs to your team. The game boasts **classic turn-based RPG play** with wireless multiplayer battles to be had via a two-player mode.

There are lots of tricky mazes to guide Taiga through in a host of replayable mini-games. **You get to dig up fossils, collect then battle up to 105 3D dinosaurs**, each with their own realistic effects, and learn lots!

The goals is to collect as many dinos as you can and compete in the Dinosaur Grand Prix at the end of the game. Here you get to battle using five different attacks, each growing stronger every time you use it. The game even includes a dino encyclopedia and 3D images of each dinosaur to amaze your friends with. Coming your way in a few weeks!



Digging in the earth to find dinosaur bones is fun and rewarding!

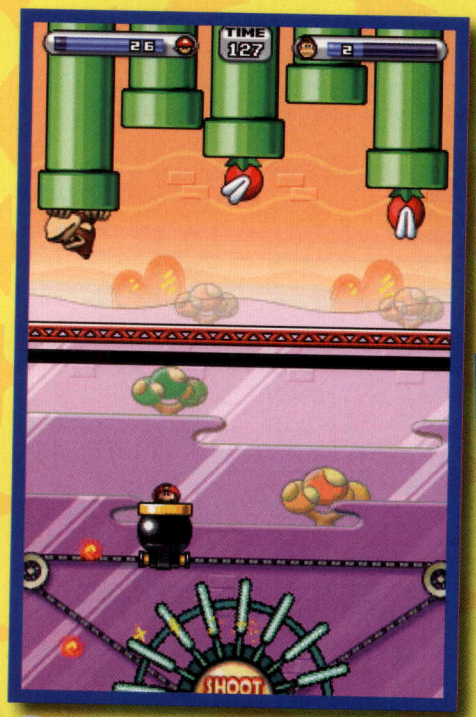
You can use the game as a massive dinosaur encyclopedia.

The DS's two screens really bring the dinosaurs to life.

MARIO VS DONKEY KONG 2 MARCH OF THE MINIS

Remember the original Mario Vs Donkey Kong? Well, it was all about Mario finding the mini-Marios. This time the tables have been turned around the other way! Using the Nintendo DS stylus you must guide the mini-Marios through the obstacle-filled levels and help them save the day!

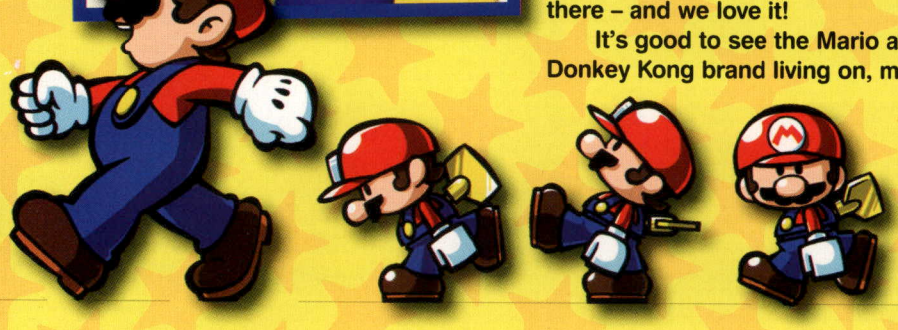
So why does the day need saving in the first place? Well Mario has opened a theme park called Super Mini Mario World and made lots of cuddly toys – Marios, Donkey Kongs and Toads. When the lovely Pauline, a lady that Mario has long been in love with, comes along she takes a Mario toy over a Donkey Kong one, and old DK doesn't like this very much! He smashes all the displays and locks Pauline in the highest tower in the park and puts Mario out of action too! So, the mini-Marios have to get moving



Players get to create their own levels in this game – which is nice!

to put things right! What this all adds up to is a great, fun Nintendo game, packed with cool characters, excellent animation, bright colours, neat little ditties and some devilishly addictive gameplay. It's exactly the kind of game that has made the Nintendo DS the number one handheld console out there – and we love it!

It's good to see the Mario and Donkey Kong brand living on, many years after the two characters first did battle with each other in the arcades. Nice one Nintendo!



Console	Nintendo DS
From	Nintendo
Due out	Out now!

You can even share levels over the Wi-Fi connection!

Score 5/5

STARFOX COMMAND

Console Nintendo DS
From Nintendo
Due out Out now!

At long last! Fox McCloud is back to battle a new evil that has emerged from the toxic oceans of the planet Venom. DS owners can now join Fox in his advanced Arwing fighter as they defend the Lylat system from a massive invasion, with just a few wingmen for support. This action-packed game will have you battling an armada of hostile ships, both in the depths of space and high over enemy skies, and will test your strategic skills as you plan the perfect attack.

The DS touch screen is used to manoeuvre the ship during daring dog fights. While flying, the screen not only acts as a radar – showing the locations of allies, enemies and items – but is also used to steer your Arwing and drop bombs using strokes of the stylus. You get to use the screen to speed up and slow down the ship by tapping the top or bottom too. Another vital combat move performed by rubbing the touch screen is a nifty barrel roll, perfect for evading incoming fire during real-time combat.

StarFox has come a long way from his Super Nintendo beginnings.

Nintendo has really made the most of the touch screen in this game.

The screen isn't just used for control though, you now get to draw up your own battle plans and put strategy skills to the ultimate test by using the touch screen alone. As Commander, the screen is used to draw the routes your fighter should take, then battle any enemies you encounter as you take over bases and strategically advance across the map. If you're a master tactician, you will plan the best flight paths not only for yourself, but also for up to four wingmen, making sure you plot the best course to intercept an enemy.

With some top-notch multiplayer modes that allow you to link-up via Wi-Fi, excellent graphics and the cool gameplay that we have all come to love from previous StarFox games, this latest Nintendo DS outing is highly recommended.

Score 4/5

Top of the Charts

HEY THERE POP PICKERS, STU YEW HERE WITH ANOTHER RUN DOWN OF WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT IN THE WORLD OF VIDEOGAMES. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME SURPRISE RE-ENTRIES RECENTLY... TAKE A LOOK BELOW TO SEE!

The Sims 2: Pets is still sitting up and begging at the top of the charts, and there are a couple of games that are back in as they've been released at a budget price. It's all about the pocket money you see!

POSITION	GAME NAME	KIND	FORMAT	COMPANY
1	THE SIMS 2: PETS	Sim	ALL	EA
2	CARS	Racing	ALL	THQ
3	NEW SUPER MARIO BROS.	Platform	DS	NINTENDO
4	DR KAWASHIMA'S BRAIN TRAINING	Puzzle	DS	NINTENDO
5	THE SIMPSONS: HIT & RUN	Racing	PS2, XB	VIVENDI

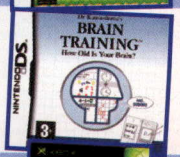
Aww, those fluffy kittens and wittle wabbits just keep this game up there on the number one slot. You're all just suckers for a furry face, aren't you?

Who said that the big Disney marketing machine was broken? Recently re-released as a budget game, THQ is enjoying renewed success with its Pixar tie-in.

Those brothers of Mario just can't keep away from the top five games slot can they? Everyone is still enjoying their adventures, all these years on!

A personal favourite here in the Pokémon World office, this game has really been doing the business for Nintendo over Christmas. Probably lots of grandad's playing!

Originally released back in 2003, Hit & Run has been enjoying a new life on the all-formats game charts as it's been released on budget!



GAME ICONS

Board · Puzzle · Adventure · Music · Racing · Flight Sim · Sports · Shooter · RPG · Platform · Sim

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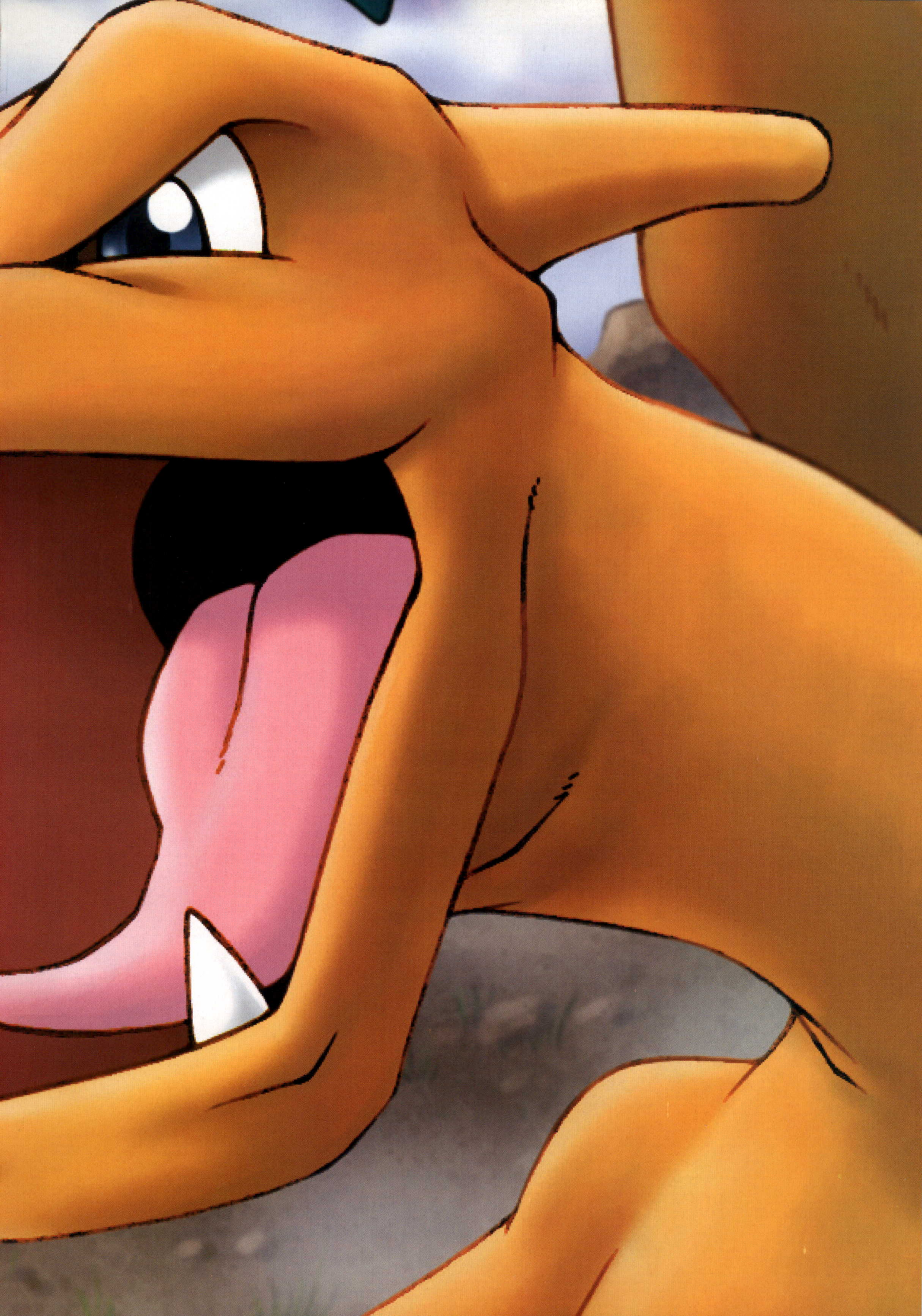

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WE WANNA KNOW...

Whoops! We messed up last issue and printed the survey on the wrong pages! Just in case you didn't want to ruin your copy of Pokémon World, here is the survey again, in a handy cut-out, back-to-back format – just like it was meant to be! Send us your completed survey and we'll enter you into the draw to win a PlayStation 2 and copy of Rayman courtesy of Ubisoft.

UBISOFT

Send in your completed survey and you could win a PS2 and a copy of Rayman if you're the first one out of the hat!

1. Please let us know if you would like to see more, less or the same amounts of the following sections in Pokémon World...

	MORE	LESS	SAME
Mew's News	❑	❑	❑
Chansey's Cheats	❑	❑	❑
Videogame Island	❑	❑	❑
Posters	❑	❑	❑
Competitions	❑	❑	❑
Ask Professor Yew	❑	❑	❑
Design-A-Monster	❑	❑	❑
Pika-Pics	❑	❑	❑
Trading Card Game	❑	❑	❑
Poké Puzzles	❑	❑	❑
Monster Of The Month	❑	❑	❑

Or do you have a great idea for a section? Write it in here...

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2. How many other people read your copy of Pokémon World?

1 ❑ 3 ❑

2 ❑ More than 3 ❑

3. Which other magazines do you regularly buy?

Yu-Gi-Oh World ❑

SpongeBob Squarepants ❑

Art Attack ❑

Jetix ❑

National Geographic Kids ❑

Cartoon Network ❑

Kraze Club ❑

Other (please write in the title) ❑

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Cut out and return your survey

4. Tell us which games consoles or computers you have and which you'd like to have...

	HAVE	LIKE
Game Boy Advance	❑	❑
Nintendo DS	❑	❑
GameCube	❑	❑
Nintendo 64	❑	❑
Nintendo Wii	❑	❑
PSP	❑	❑
PSone	❑	❑
PlayStation 2	❑	❑
PlayStation 3	❑	❑
Xbox	❑	❑
Xbox 360	❑	❑
PC	❑	❑
Apple Mac	❑	❑

5. What kind of videogames do you like best?

Platform adventures ❑

Puzzle/board games ❑

Shooters ❑

Racing/driving games ❑

Movie tie-in games ❑

Role playing games ❑

Beat-'em-ups ❑

Other (please write in the type) ❑

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6. How many games do you buy or have given to you in a year?

1 ❑

2 ❑

3 ❑

4 ❑

5 ❑

More than 5 ❑

7. Do you surf the internet and use email?

Yes, please tell us where...

Home ❑ School ❑

Internet café ❑ Other ❑

No I don't ❑

8. If you do go surfing on the internet, does your family shop online?

Yes ❑ No ❑

9. If you do go surfing on the internet, tell us your favourite websites.

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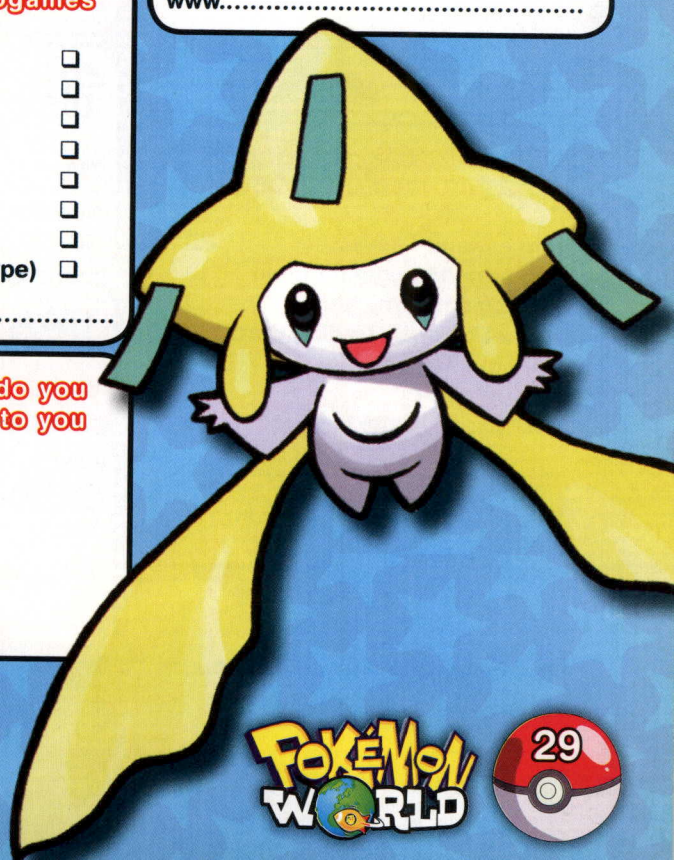

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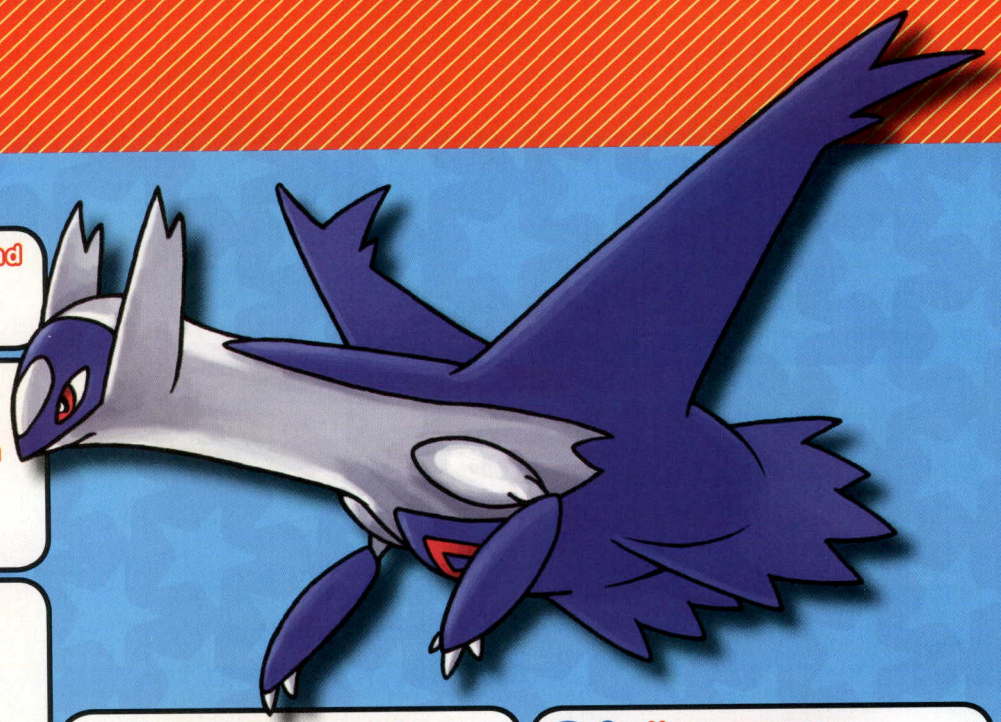

10. Do you watch DVDs and videos?

Yes ❑ No ❑

11. If you do, how many DVDs do you buy or have given to you in a year?

1-2 ❑ 5-6 ❑
3-4 ❑ More than 6 ❑

12. Which of these shops do you, or your parents, shop in?

Tesco ❑ Woolworths ❑
Asda ❑ Virgin ❑
HMV ❑ Sainsburys ❑
Morrisons ❑ Borders ❑
WHSmiths ❑

13. Tell us the TV channels that you watch...

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14. Name your favourite programmes and cartoons...

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15. How did you first find out about Pokémon World?

From a friend ❑
Mum or dad bought it for me ❑
Just found it in the shops ❑
From a Pokémon Trading Card Game tournament ❑
I saw an advert ❑
Other (please write in how) ❑

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16. How did you pick up this copy of Pokémon World?

Local newsagent ❑
WHSmith ❑
Supermarket ❑
Subscription ❑
From a friend ❑
Other (please write in how) ❑

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17. We like to include adverts now and again. Which of the following is true of you...

I ignore the adverts ❑
I sometimes buy what I see in ads ❑
I want to buy what I see in ads ❑
I talked about the stuff in ads ❑
I emailed/wrote/phoned for info ❑

18. Do you have a mobile phone, if so, which network?

Yes ❑

Network.....

No ❑

19. If you've got one, do you play games on your mobile phone?

Yes ❑ No ❑

20. Do you buy ringtones or wallpapers?

Yes ❑ No ❑

Tell us what kind

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21. Have you ever competed in a Pokémon Trading Card Game tournament?

Yes ❑ No ❑

22. Please tell us your top ten favourite Pokémon of all time...

1.....
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All about you...

Name.....

Address.....

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Age.....

I am a boy ❑ I am a girl ❑

Please cut out and send your survey to...
My survey answers!
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33 Richmond Hill
Bournemouth
BH2 6EZ

WIN! WIN! WIN!

WIN! A NINTENDO DS LITE & FIVE FOSSIL LEAGUE GAMES

Everybody walk the dinosaur! So, you've read our preview on page 21 and fancy a go? Well here's a great compo for you to win a DS and games from D3 Publisher. Just send your answers to... **pokemonworld@imagine-publishing.co.uk** or post it to our usual address marking your letter '**Fossil Compo**'...

How long ago did dinosaurs get wiped off the Earth?

A. 65 million years
B. 15 million years
C. 5 million years

Put your name, address, age and console you own on your entry and get it to us no later than 1 April – good luck everyone!

Competition Rules
1. All entries must be received by 1 April 2007 2. There is no cash alternative 3. The publisher's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. 4. No employee of Imagine Publishing Ltd, Crispy Chicken Publishing or any company with products on offer within this competition is eligible to enter. 5. Only one entry per person, per competition. 6. By entering, competitors agree to be bound by the rules and requirements of the competition. 7. You may be sent news about products and opportunities from related companies. If you do not wish to receive such information, please indicate as such on your entry.

DESIGN A MONSTER!

So many monsters, so little space! The address is.. Design a Monster, Pokémon World, Richmond House, 33 Richmond Hill, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH2 6EZ.

Monster of the Month!

Evolution: From Chikorita and Bellsprout

Bellsorita

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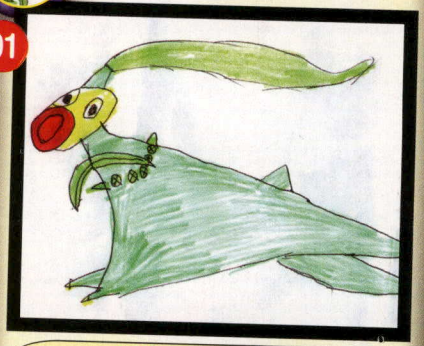

Pokémon type: Grass

Special attacks: Grass Ball, Mini Sprout, Grass Grabbers, Razor Sleep

Brief Description: If you ever see this Bellsorita, you would probably find it in a forest or deep underneath the ground.

Charlie Shortell, age eight, Christchurch

Star Monster!

Evolution: Evolves from Charizard

Chinzon

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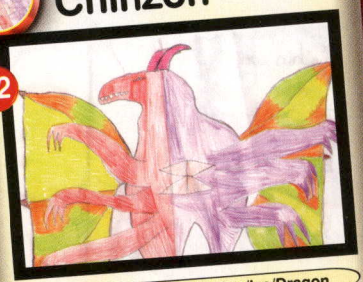


Pokémon type: Fire/Flying/Ice/Dragon

Special attacks: Fire Blast, Freeze Beam, Gust, Lava Rain, Dragon Rage

Brief description: This Pokémon lives deep in volcanoes. You must never look into Chinzon's eyes, if you do you will turn into ashes!

No name, from nowhere!

COME ON... WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? DRAW A MONSTER!

Evolution: From Wigglytuff

Dancessuff

03

Pokémon type: Princess/Water/Flying

Special attacks: Charm, Attract, Flower Power, Dance

Brief description: This princess-type Pokémon dances to any music you play. It is easily scared and can dance on water. It is a very rare Pokémon and they only live near lakes and swamps.

Joel Green, age ten, Hull

Evolution: None

Konsune

04

Pokémon type: Dark/Grass

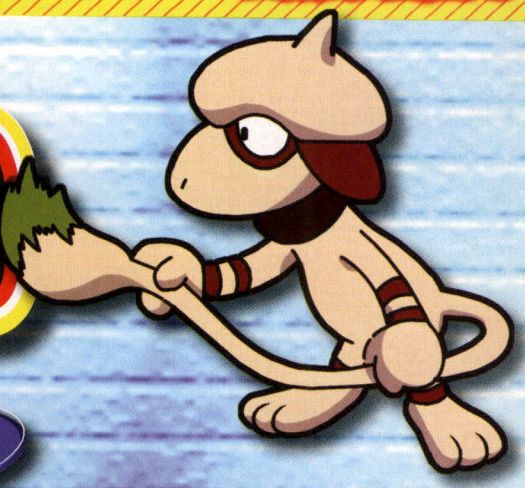
Special attacks: Poison Scratch, Venomous Bite, Tail Whip

Brief description: Konsunes are nasty, but very secretive and are mostly found on Route 119. Most are male. The females hibernate all year until time to give birth.

Kelly James, age ten, Worcester

DID YOU KNOW?
ALL CIVILISATIONS AROUND THE WORLD HAVE DRAGONS IN THEIR MYTHS AND LEGENDS! THEY MUST BE REAL!

Pika-Pics



The artwork box is simply overflowing - great stuff everyone! Here's a selection of the best we've had through the door this issue...

Many thanks to Cameron Legate, aged ten for this pencil drawing of Magnemite.

Quite a collection of Pokémon seamonsters here from Ashley Royston, aged ten. Nice one Ashley! Thanks.

Wow! Hannah Spurr, aged six of Bedworth has really gone to town with the felt pens in this pic!

An excellent Pokémon scene here from Ben Smith, aged 11 from Reading. Thanks Ben.

ASK PROFESSOR YEW

If you've got a Poképroblem, contact me at... Ask Professor Yew, Pokémon World, Richmond House, 33 Richmond Hill, Bournemouth, BH2 6EZ or email me at... pokemonworld@imagine-publishing.co.uk

Is Mr Foo... young?

Q Dear Professor Yew,
Who is Mr Foo? Apparently he's a Pokémon character, but I've never seen him in my Pokémon games.
From Tim Shilcock, via email

A Well Tim,
You obviously haven't collected enough prize coins in Pokémon Link then! Collect enough and you can challenge Mr Foo to a special game where seven Pokémon must be lined up to make a link. Needless to say, it's tough!

How to Breed Pokémon

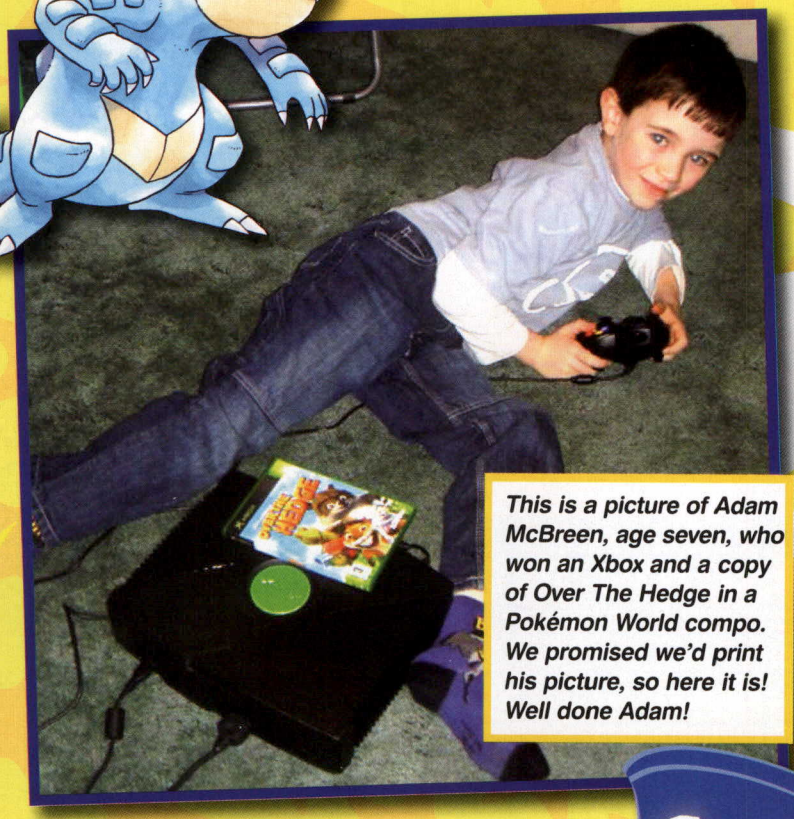
Q Hi Prof,
I'm having a spot of bother breeding Pokémon in Pokémon FireRed. I want to give them new moves but don't know where to start. Can you help?
From Davey Wall, Wolverhampton

A Well Davey,
Breeding Pokémon is all about the eggs! Each Pokémon is a member of two egg groups, and you can only breed a Pokémon with one that is also a member of the same egg group. The main advantage of breeding new Pokémon is to create a monster with special moves that it otherwise would never have gained through natural evolution. When you level-up your Pokémon, these moves will be much more powerful than they would normally have been too – a great advantage to you in battles!
Good luck Davey!

Sweet, sweet honey!

Q Dear Professor Yew,
Chatting to a friend of mine about Diamond & Pearl coming out this year, he told me that you have to do something with honey to catch some of the Pokémon in this new game. Can you give me some more info so that I look brainy to him!
From Harvey Reading, Whitby

A Yes, there are special kinds of tree in Diamond & Pearl that will entice certain types of Pokémon if you spread them with honey, then come back in 12 hours! Sounds strange, but some Pokémon like Aipom and Heracross can only be caught this way!



This is a picture of Adam McBreen, age seven, who won an Xbox and a copy of Over The Hedge in a Pokémon World compo. We promised we'd print his picture, so here it is! Well done Adam!

Down the Dungeon!

Q Dear Professor Yew,
A friend told me that later on in the Pokémon Mystery Dungeon games there are traps to watch out for. I haven't come across any yet, am I doing something wrong?
From Henry Middleton, Craven Arms

A Well Henry,
No your not going wrong, you just haven't got to the later dungeons yet. When you encounter traps they mess with your stats, items you're carrying and inflict damage on you. A Bug Switch, for example, will make any Pokémon that stands on it go to sleep. A Chestnut Switch causes spiky nuts to fall from the ceiling, causing havoc. A Grimer Switch will turn a food item in your bag into a Grimer food item and A Self-Destruct Switch sets off a Voltorb explosion that blows up everything – including walls!

Email or send in a photo of you with your impressive Pokémon collection and we might print it right here... on this very page!

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Pokémon World,
Here is a picture of my Pokémon Collection which I have been collecting since I was two. If I get any more I'm going to need a much bigger bedroom!
Peter Daniels, age nine, Isle of Man

That's what we like to see Peter – lots of copies of Pokémon World in the collection. Keep up the good work!

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UK City Championships are GO!

But where are all the prizes – eh?

The UK started the first round of City Championships on the 19 November 2006 with the Rainham City Championships, the first London City Championships swiftly followed on the 25 November and by the time we go to press there will have been over eight City Championships run so far in the UK.

But with two months already gone from the 2006/2007 UK Nationals Qualifier Season there is one major question yet to be answered – where are the prizes?

Everyone's not a winner!

With no UK City Championships officially sanctioned and none of the prize support to be seen, players and parents have been asking, "Where are the exclusive promos, badges and winner prizes that Tournament Organisers should be giving out to the players?"

City Championship Squirtle Promo yet to be caught in the UK!

Unfortunately, as we went to print, no UK organiser had yet been sent any of the expected prize support, but, there was a reason. The Place for Games Ltd (TPfG) who runs Pokémon Organised Play (POP) in the UK told us and its organisers that it made a mistake with the 2006/2007 City Championships and was late ordering the prize support. Because of this there has been a delay in the delivery of the prize packages from the US and in getting the Tournaments officially sanctioned as City Championships.

Now TPfG has rightly apologised and is mortified at its mistake, it assure us it will be putting it right before this issue of Pokémon World hits the shelves. In the meantime, some UK Tournament Organisers (TOs) have been issuing booster pack and promo pack prizes from their own stock whilst others have not had the stock available to do this. One event was even cancelled due to the lack of official status and because the TO had no prizes to give to players! This really is a shocking state of affairs and you can't help but be left thinking that POP in the UK isn't taken as seriously as it is over in the States where things seems to run like clockwork, and they have an excellent website that is constantly updated with the latest information for players.

TPfG tell us that the missing prizes, promos and badges will be issued retrospectively in the next few weeks via your local TO. If by the time this issue hits the streets you have not heard what is happening about your prizes and/or you won a City Championship and have not yet received your prize package then contact The Place for Games via their website www.theplaceforgames.com or phone them on the special Pokémon hotline 0870 2406469.

Despite the hiccups in prize support, the 2006/2007 City Championship season has had some great events around the UK so far. We have seen players battling fiercely for the title of their local City Champion and this year especially, it is not just about great prizes, each City Championship will qualify three players for the 2007 UK Nationals – that's one player from each of the three new age groups going through.

Talking of which, there are some changes to this year's Tournament Structure and the UK Nationals qualification criteria. We thought since we are halfway through the City Championships season we would review these changes and give you some help with what to take to your next City Championship as well as listing the remaining UK City Championships happening throughout February.

The first change you will notice is that the old age groups based on your actual age have gone. The age groups are now based on the year you were born (Eh? What's the difference?).

This is to get round the problem of players qualifying in one age group at a City Championship and then having a birthday before the Nationals, meaning the player would have to play in an older age group. The change has been made by Pokémon Organised Play (POP) and the age ranges are now...

- Juniors (born in 1996 onwards – old ten and under age group)
- Seniors (born between 1992 and 1995 – old 11-14 age group)
- Masters (born in or prior to 1991 – old 15+ age group)

To qualify for this year's UK National Championships you will need to have been...

- One of the top four players in your age group in the 2006 Nationals
- Be the top unqualified player in your age group in a City Championship
- Be in one of the top eight unqualified players in your age group in a Regional Championship
- Be in the Top 25 Premier Rankings for your age group – slots will not drop down if a player is already qualified.

Now the last bullet point from the qualification criteria – being in the Top 25 by Premier ranking is new. Premier rankings will be based on the result from Premier Events such as City Championships and Battle Road Tournaments. But to qualify as a Premier Event they must be flagged by the TO and actioned by TPfG, something that has not happened so far with the City Championships.

This flagging is important as for the first time ever there will a trip to Worlds up for grabs based on your Premier Ranking in Europe! So make sure you get along to some City Championships and State/Regional Championships and try to get yourself ranked.

The second change you may notice is that sometimes age groups will be playing what is called 'age separated' where a player will play just within their age range – Juniors, Seniors or Masters – and sometimes they will play 'age modified' where they will play primarily in their age range but may at times play older players from the other age groups. It is down to the number of players per age group as to how the Tournament will run, if there are over eight players in each of the three groups then it should run age separated.

Finally the last change you may notice in this year's Pokémon Trading Card Game is that all Tournaments will usually run a Top Cut where the top two, four, eight or 16 players in an age group will play best-of-three knockout rounds after the main Tournament Swiss rounds are finished.

These top cut rounds usually last 45 minutes to an hour each round and are played best-of-three with a player needing to win two games of the three to progress.

If only one game gets completely finished in the time allowed then the second game does not count, no matter who is ahead at the end of the game.

So keeping an eye on the clock is very important in the knockout rounds of the game.

The Pokémon World Guide to what to take to a City Championship

1. Take yourself – sorry we couldn't resist that one.
2. Take your Pokémon Organised Play ID number (POP id#). If you do not have one the Tournament organiser will issue you one for free.
3. Take a 60 card deck – modified format legal – the deck list in this issue shows which card sets are modified legal.
4. Take a deck list – check out the one we have printed for you in this issue.
5. Take something to drink – not all City Championships have drinks for sale.
6. Take something to eat – sandwiches and fruit, not just sweets and cakes!
7. Take your trades – but look after your deck and cards – they can go missing.
8. Take some money to buy cards, boosters, extra food and drinks and for any side events that are being run.
9. Take spare deck sleeves to replace any damaged in play.
10. Take a strong but manageable bag to keep everything in – we recommend a good backpack with separate compartments to keep your stuff together.

One tip that is a must for all Tournaments is to make sure you label all your Deck Boxes and Trade Folders with your name, telephone number and email address. The official labels also say to please return the folder or Deck and Deck Box to a Judge or the Tournament Organiser. We have found this simple precaution has got us our Deck back if, like us, you sometimes get so excited you leave it on a table by mistake between games!

After the City Championships, UK Nationals qualification switches to the State/Regional Championships in April and then we are into the Battle Road Tournaments during May. There may be some last-minute changes or new dates added to the City Championships as listed here, if you have internet access check out the latest listings at: www.pokegym.net – check the Forums and look under Tournaments and then international for the UK lists.

When you are playing a City Championship: play hard, play to win, but above all play to have fun!

Next month we will feature some of 2007's City Championship winning Decks as well as hints and tips on how to play them. Watch too for our full review of the new Pokémon TCG Set – EX Power Keepers – and we will have updated details on where to play and any upcoming UK Nationals Qualifying Tournaments.

Remaining UK City Championships

Saturday 10th February
Horsham City Championships
Kingslea Primary School,
Kingslea, Horsham,
West Sussex, RH13 5DQ
Doors open: 10.00am
Cost: £5
Contact: Nigel Edney
Tel: 07811 339529

Saturday 10th February
Manchester City Champs
Fanboy 3, 17 Newton St,
Manchester, M1 1FZ
Doors open: 12.00pm
Cost: TBA
Contact: Rhodri Giulitti
Tel: 0161 2477735

Sunday 11th February
Westbourne City Championships
Durley Hall Hotel, Durley Chine
Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5JS
Doors open: 12.30pm
Cost: £5
Contact: Russell Murray
Tel: 07879 073525

Saturday 24th February
Hackney City Championship
Homerton Library, Homerton High
Street, Hackney, London, E9
Doors open: 11.00am
Cost: £5
Contact: John Hawkins
Tel: 07989 979991

Saturday 24th February
Hull City Championship II,
Hessle Library, Southgate, Hessle,
East Yorkshire, HU13 0RB
Doors open: 10.30am
Cost: £5
Contact: Lois Hargrave
Tel: 07855 475313

Player Name:_____

POP ID:_____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ /_____ /_____

Age division (check one):

❒ **Junior Division (born in 1996 or later)**

❒ **Senior Division (born in 1992, 1993, 1994, or 1995)**

❒ **Masters Division (born in 1991 or earlier)**

In addition to the card name and quantity of each card in your deck, we are also requiring you to provide us with the set name and collector number of each card. This will help us ensure that each player is using a legal deck.

If one of the cards in your deck comes from a set previous to *EX Deoxys* but was reprinted in one of the sets listed below, put NA as the set name.

Delcatty
80 HP
STAGE 1
Reactive Shift
Once during your turn (before your attack), you may move a React Energy card attached to 1 of your Pokémon to another of your Pokémon. This power can't be used if Delcatty is affected by a Special Condition.
Energy Link
20
Search your discard pile for an Energy card and attach it to Delcatty.
Tail Whap
retreat cost
4/92
Set Symbol
Collector Number

(DX-ON SET FORMAT)

ABBREVIATION	SET NAME	SYMBOL
DX	*EX Deoxys*	
EM	*EX Emerald*	
UF	*EX Unseen Forces*	
DS	*EX Delta Species*	
LM	*EX Legend Maker*	
HP	*EX Holon Phantoms*	
CG	*EX Crystal Guardians*	
DF	*EX Dragon Frontiers*	
TK	EX Trainer Kit 2	
P2	POP Series 2	
P3	POP Series 3	
P4	POP Series 4	
PR	Promo 029 & up	

Deck Registration Sheet

Pokémon

QTY:	NAME:	SET:	COLL. #:

FOR DECK PREPARATION ONLY – TRANSFER TO OFFICIAL FORMS!

Trainers

QTY:	NAME:	SET:	COLL. #:

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Energy

QTY:	NAME:	SET:	COLL. #:

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This sheet is for you to prepare your deck only. You will need to transfer the info to the proper sheet when you reach the Tournament.

EX Power Keepers Pre-release Tournament Dates

Grab yourself a game at these places...

Blaziken
100 HP
STAGE 2
Poké-Power
Firestarter
Once during your turn (before your attack), you may attach a Energy card from your discard pile to 1 of your Benched Pokémon. This power can't be used if Blaziken is affected by a Special Condition.
Fire Stream
50
Discard a Energy card attached to Blaziken. This attack does 10 damage to each of your opponent's Benched Pokémon. (Don't apply Weakness and Resistance for Benched Pokémon.)

Finally we can let you know the Pre-release Tournament dates and locations for EX Power Keepers. These are the ones happening around the time this issue hits the shops...

Saturday 3rd February
Fanboy 3, 17 Newton St,
Manchester, M1 1FZ
Doors open: 12.00pm
Cost: £15
Contact: Rhodri Giulitti
Tel: 0161 2477735
Website: www.fanboy3.co.uk

Saturday 3rd February
Durley Hall Hotel, Durley
Chine Road, Bournemouth
Dorset, BH25JS
Doors open: 9.00am and again at 1.00pm for 2nd event
Cost: £15
Contact: Russell Murray
Tel: 07879 073525

Sunday 4th February
Witch Engine, 7 South Western
Terrace, Yeovil, Somerset,
BA20 1NB
Doors open: 12.30pm
Cost: TBA
Contact: Lorraine Shaw
Tel: 01935 427077

Tuesday 6th February
The Rainham and Wigmore
Community Centre, Granary Close
(off Station Road), Rainham, Kent,
ME8 7SG
Doors open: 7.00pm
Cost: £15
Contact: Ben Ward
Tel: 07949 359750
Email: benward@gamersguild.co.uk
Website: www.gamersguild.co.uk

Aggron
110 HP
STAGE 2
Poké-Power
Terraforming
Once during your turn (before your attack), you may look at the top 5 cards from your deck and put them back on top of your deck in any order. This power can't be used if Aggron is affected by a Special Condition.
Metal Claw
50
Mix-Up
70
Your opponent discards the top card of his or her deck.

Where to play Pokémon Leagues

Let Pokémon World point you in the right direction...

Crawley Pokémon League
Time: Mondays, 6pm - 7.45pm
Venue: St Edward The Confessor Social Club, Hillcrest Close, Pound Hill, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 7EQ
Contact: Ian
Tel: 079414 11599

Rainham Pokémon League
Time: Every Tuesday 7pm to 10pm
Venue: The Rainham and Wigmore Community Centre, Granary Close (off Station Rd), Rainham, ME8 7SG
Contact: Ben Ward
Tel: 07949 359750
Email: benward@gamersguild.co.uk
Web: www.gamersguild.co.uk

Hull Pokémon League
Venue: Hessle Town Hall, South Lane, Hessle, East Yorkshire, HU13 0RR
Tel: 07855 475313
Web: www.acegaming.co.uk

Manchester Pokémon League
Time: Saturdays, 10am - 12.30pm
Venue: Fanboy 3, 17 Newton Street, Manchester, M1 1FZ
Web: www.take2theweb.com/pub/fb3/a.html
Tel: 0161 2477735

Norfolk Pokémon League
Venue: Battlenet, 2A Queens Road, Norwich, Norfolk
Time: Tuesdays, 7pm onwards
Contact: Martin
Tel: 07817 980987

Megazone League
Time: Sundays, 9am
Venue: 102-104 Graham's Road, Falkirk, FK2 7BZ
Contact: Gordon White
Tel: 01324 634828
Email: pokemon-tcg@blueyonder.co.uk

Mitcham Pokémon League
Venue: McDonalds, 1 Majestic Way, Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 2JS
Tel: 07956 802779

Oasis Gym
Time: Saturdays
Venue: 102 South Crescent, South Elmsall, Pontifract, West Yorkshire, WF9 2DQ
Contact: Gareth Fowel
Tel: 01977 651302
Email: gfowell@hotmail.com

Blackpool Pokémon League
Time: Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm
Venue: Zombies Ate My Wookie, 39 Market Street, Blackpool, FY1 1EX
Tel: 01253 297097

North London Pokémon League
Contact: John Hawkins
Tel: 07989 979991

Port Talbot Pokémon League
Time: Sundays, 2pm - 4.30pm
Venue: The Collection Point, 40 Brynna Road, Port Talbot, West Glamorgan, SA12 9LL
Tel: 01253 297097

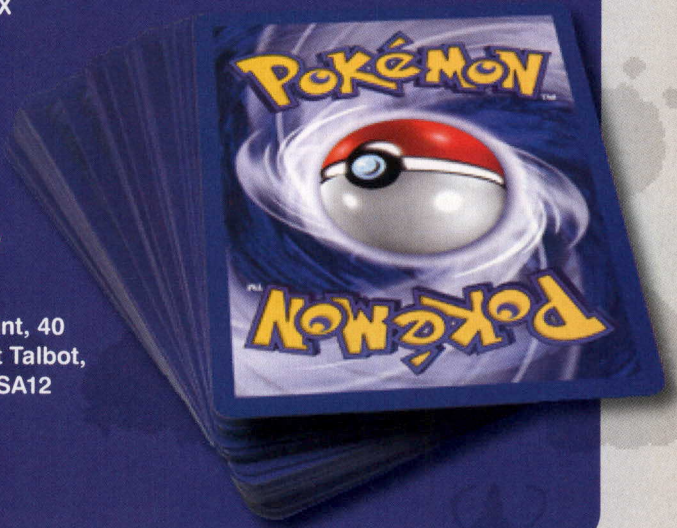
Yeovil Pokémon League
Venue: Witch Engine, 7 South Western Terrace, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 1NB
Tel: 01253 297097

West Midlands Pokémon League
Venue: Nine Locks Community Centre, Hill Street, Brierley Hill, West Midlands, DY5 2UE
Tel: 07891 807214

Tournaments and Pre-releases at these websites...
http://op.pokemon-tcg.com/tournaments/locator/

www.theplaceforgames.com/pokemon/index.asp

Beldum
50 HP
BASIC
Call for Family
Search your deck for a Basic Pokémon and put it onto your Bench. Shuffle your deck afterward.
Metal Ball
Put 1 damage counter on the Defending Pokémon.



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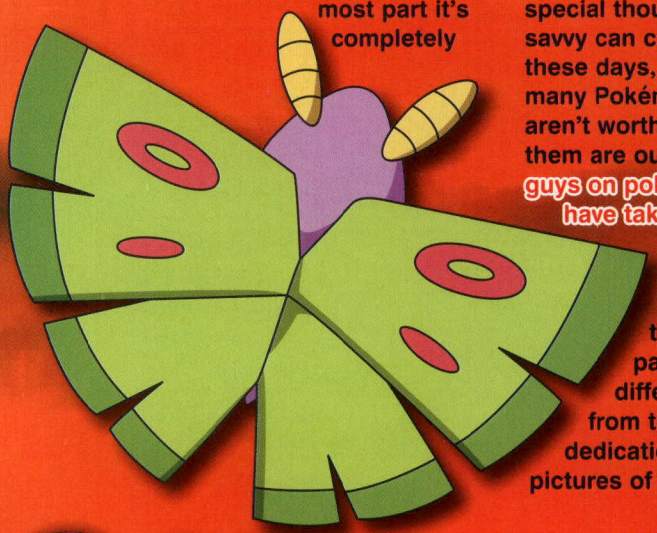
WORLD WIDE WEB

There are so many great websites out there covering Pokémon that we thought it was about time we showcased the best of the net for you!

When Pokémon was first invented, way, way back in 1996, the internet was only just getting started. People had to dial up the World Wide Web using their telephone lines and websites took an age to appear on the screen. Of course, some people still surf the net this way, but those with broadband and a super-duper computer will know of the wonders the internet can now offer. Video on demand, blogs, chat rooms and forums as well as the flashy glitz and glamour of the official websites – it's all there for the taking, and for the most part it's completely free of charge (well, apart from your big broadband bill)!



Well Nintendo has been making Pokémon websites for a long time now, and rather than erase the old stuff when we've all got bored of the games, it's preserved it all for you to call up whenever you like. Take the Official UK Pokémon website for example, there are all kinds of cool things you can find on there for games going back as far as Pokémon Pinball or Ruby and Sapphire. Have a dig around on its website and you'll see what we mean.

It's the fansites that are really special though. Anyone with a bit of savvy can create their own website these days, and although there are many Pokémon sites that really aren't worth a single click, some of them are out of this world! There are guys on pokemonelite2000.com that have taken the time to remove all the sprites from every Pokémon game for example, and displayed them all on their web pages fully animated. Even different versions of sprites from the same games – that's dedication for you! Then there are pictures of all the Pokémon cartoon episodes on Serebii.net, along with full descriptions of what happened in that episode and when the next one is coming up!

All this and lots of interaction between the Pokémon fans. Pkmn.net for example allows Pokéheads to comment on every news story they post, creating an instant chat room for all the important Pokémon news. This one is run from the UK too so you might see people you bump into every week at your local game shop on the site – they've done a great job recently of posting lots of photos of the Pokémon 10th Anniversary tour for all to see.

If you enjoy the Pokémon Trading Card Game there are a variety of sites out there for you too. You can find out when the next events are taking place and all about the latest Expansion Sets at theplaceforgames.com/pokemon or you can go all American and get some tips from the Yanks at pokemon-tcg.com. It's all out there waiting to be found!

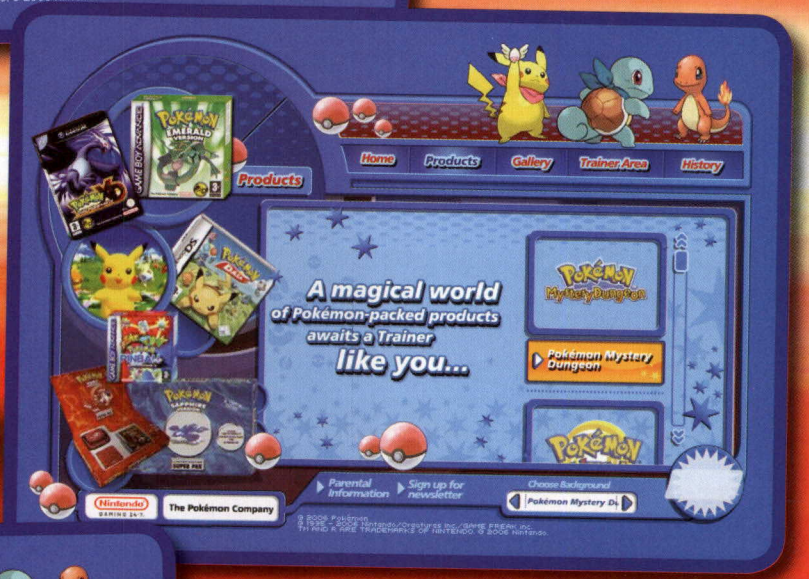
So, we've rounded up what we think are the ten best Pokémon websites out there. Do you think different? Write or email in and tell us your favourite site and we might even print it in a future issue!

1 POKEMON WEBSITE

Title The Official Pokémon Website
Country UK
URL http://pokemon.nintendo.co.uk

There's plenty to see on the Official UK Pokémon website. It's all been created using Flash, so you'll need to ensure your computer's browser has the latest plug-in. We have to take our hats off to the web designers here – it's very slick! Menus animate in and out, sound effects play as you navigate your way around and there's some great Pokémon artwork on the site, stuff that hasn't been seen anywhere else. The latest update includes lots of info on Pokémon Mystery Dungeon Blue and Red and there's always a poll to take part in.

We'll come on to the Pokémon websites in other parts of the world later in the feature, but if it's information on a UK Pokémon game you're after – the Official Pokémon UK website has what you need. Everything from the Game Boy Advance Emerald, Pinball and Pokémon Dash to GameCube's Pokémon XD, the newer Pokémon Link or Mystery Dungeon is all packed into the site with box artwork, game descriptions and lots of screenshots. There's even a rather fantastic full website for Pokémon Pinball on here with everything animated and lots of little extras to discover as you click around.



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The Pokémon Story
In February 1996, long queues outside game stores in Japan heralded the launch of two new Game Boy games featuring a horde of strange-looking creatures. Three years later, that game and those creatures would be on everyone's lips - as Pokémon fever gripped the entire globe.
In Japan, the debut Pokémon games - which had been six years in the making - quickly attracted a big following, as children and adults alike lost themselves in the intoxicating mix of adventure, battling and link-up revelry.
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Nintendo
The Pokémon Company

For those of you who have been playing Pokémon games for longer than you care to remember, there's a great History section on this website. It tells the tale of Pokémon, right from the beginning in 1996 when Japanese kids queued around the block to get their hands on the very first Game Boy Pokémon games. Those games were apparently six years in the making, so you could say that Pokémon started in 1990 – but let's not get too confused!

2 POKEMON WEBSITE

Title The Official Pokémon Website
Country USA
URL www.pokemon.com

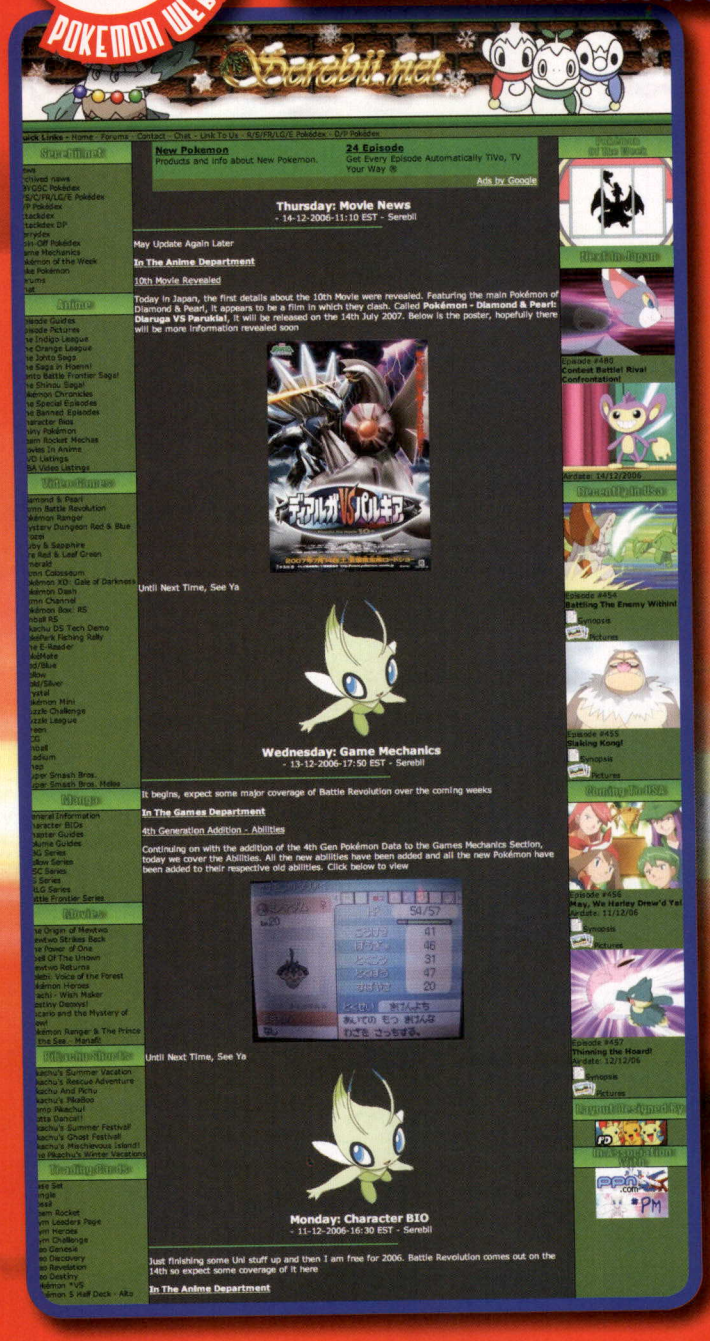
This place is the main event really for Pokémon websites as it's the official home to Pokémon in America. While some of the content won't be very relevant (want to know that there's a Pokémon event at Wal-Mart in Washington DC?) the site is packed with lots of videogame, trading card and cartoon info and has a great Fun Zone where you can while away a few hours playing lots of Pokémon games and quizzes.

There's a great section on the website right now, showcasing the Pokémon movie Lucario And The Mystery Of Mew. All designed in Flash, the site even includes a trailer for the movie and info on some cool-looking merchandise. Shame you'd have to go to the States to buy it!

Pokémon.com boasts one of the best Pokédexes you can find on the internet, with artwork of every Pokémon from Bulbasaur at number one to Deoxys at 386! All the HP, Attack, Defense, Speed and Ability data you need to be competitive with your Pokémon is here, and it also has a neat search option where you can go through the monsters by number, alphabetically or to an advanced search by type or evolution. Neat!

3 POKEMON WEBSITE

Title Serebii.net
Country USA
URL www.serebii.net


Serebii.net
New Pokemon
Products and info about New Pokemon.
24 Episode
Get Every Episode Automatically TiVo, TV Your Way ®
Ads by Google
Thursday: Movie News
- 14-12-2006-11:10 EST - Serebii
May Update Again Later
In The Anime Department
10th Movie Revealed
Today in Japan, the first details about the 10th Movie were revealed. Featuring the main Pokémon of Diamond & Pearl, it appears to be a film in which they clash. Called Pokémon - Diamond & Pearl: Dialga VS Palkia!, it will be released on the 14th July 2007. Below is the poster, hopefully there will be more information revealed soon
Until Next Time, See Ya
Wednesday: Game Mechanics
- 13-12-2006-17:50 EST - Serebii
It begins, expect some major coverage of Battle Revolution over the coming weeks
In The Games Department
4th Generation Addition - Abilities
Continuing on with the addition of the 4th Gen Pokémon Data to the Games Mechanics Section, today we cover the Abilities. All the new abilities have been added and all the new Pokémon have been added to their respective old abilities. Click below to view
Until Next Time, See Ya
Monday: Character BIO
- 11-12-2006-16:30 EST - Serebii
Just finishing some Uni stuff up and then I am free for 2006. Battle Revolution comes out on the 14th so expect some coverage of it here
In The Anime Department

US-based Serebii.net is very well run and has a wonderful archive of all kinds of Pokémon information. Just take a look at the listing down the left-hand side of the page – photos and descriptions of cartoons, info on all the games, tips on Pokémon game mechanics and a great news section where they scan pages of Japanese magazines and try to work out what's written on there! Hats off to these guys – a great job!

Ahh, our good friends at PKMN.net. Shame they didn't get the 'Pokémon.net' URL, but there you go! These guys are based in the UK so you'll find the content of their site much more useful if you're after local Pokémon news. There's not as much game and cartoon content on here as other sites, but they do have a great news section with lots of photos of Pokémon events, and users of the site can post comments to each other. Great!

Title PKMN.net
Country UK
URL www.pkmn.net

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5 POKEMON WEBSITE

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Pokemon Mystery Dungeon (GBA/DS): September 18, 2006
Lucario and the Mystery of Mew (DVD): September 19, 2006
Pokemon Ranger (DS): October 30, 2006
Pokemon EX Dragon Frontiers (TCG): November 8, 2006
Nintendo Wii: November 19, 2006
Pokemon Diamond/Pearl (DS): Spring 2007
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US Pokemon Events - [More Info]
Party of the Decade: August 8, 2006
2006 Pokemon TCG World Championships: August 18-20, 2006
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Pokemon Wal-Mart Day: August 26, 2006
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-Pokemon Box: R/S
-Pokemon Channel
-Pokemon Stadium
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-Theme Decks
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-Pokemon: The First Movie
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-Pokemon 3 The Movie
-Mewtwo Returns
-Pokemon 4Ever
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-Jirachi Wish Maker
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Official Japanese Pokemon Movie Website: Poster and Trailer Revealed!
-12/14/06-
The official Japanese Pokemon movie website revealed the poster and trailer of the 10th Pokemon movie. The movie is titled "Pokemon Diamond and Pearl: Dialga vs. Palkia. The trailer shows Dialga and Palkia, the two Diamond/Pearl legendaries, battling it out in a short clip. The movie will be released in Japan on July 14, 2007.
The official Japanese Pokemon movie website: http://www.pokemon-movie.jp/
Movie trailer page: http://www.pokemon-movie.jp/trailer/index.html
- Windows Media Player format or Quicktime. From left to right, available in small, large, and extra large video sizes.
As for the US, the 9th Pokemon movie, starring Manaphy, is scheduled to be released in Spring 2007. Which means you can expect this 10th Pokemon movie to be released in the US sometime in 2008.
Related Links
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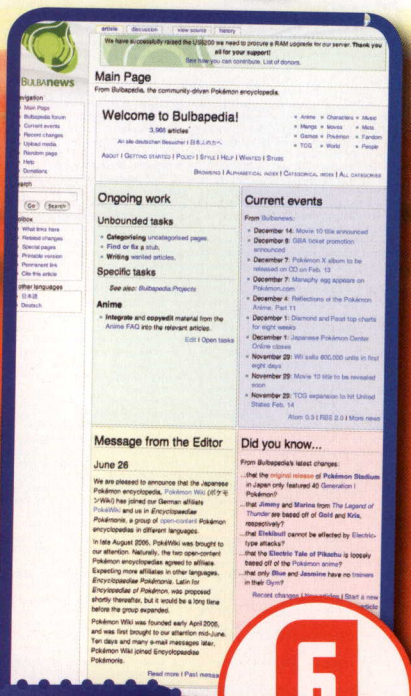
Pokemon Learning League: Content Quickly Updated as Needed!
-12/14/06-
Press Release
Pokemon Learning League Leverages Online Format to Provide Students With Current Content

The rise of the information website Wikipedia obviously got the guys behind this site thinking, 'Why not make a version all about Pokémon?' Why not indeed, and they've done a great job of it too. Again, the design is a bit dull, but it's all about the information you see. They always have lots of links to great Japanese websites to check out too – give them a click!



Not the most snazzy of Pokémon websites, but Pokemonelite2000.com is rammed full of useful titbits of information. Their news section is second-to-none with lots of links to other Pokémon info sources and they're often the first to break the latest Pokémon news. Try out their Sprite Resource section too. This is amazing – every Pokémon Game Boy Advance and Nintendo DS sprite, all gathered together in one place. How do they do it? Why do they do it? Who knows, but it's cool!

6 POKEMON WEBSITE

Title Bulbapedia
Country USA
URL bulbapedia.bulbagarden.net

7 POKEMON WEBSITE

Title: Official Japanese Pokémon Movie Site
Country: Japan
URL: www.pokemon-movie.jp

Okay we know you won't be able to read any of it, but there's a great trailer of the new Diamond & Pearl movie to see, so what are you waiting for?! Go, go!

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NEW POKÉMON PUZZLES

Title: Pokémon Center, New York
Country: USA
URL: www.pokemoncenter.com

The biggest tragedy to ever befall the world of Pokémon is the fact that the Pokémon Center in New York doesn't deliver internationally! Why? The website is worth checking out though as there is so much Pokémon merchandise to see that it will send your brain screwy! Check out the new 10th Anniversary stuff in particular – Pokémon is obviously going strong over in the USA. Now, all we need is to find someone who lives in the US to order some stuff and send it on. Or, of course, see what's on eBay!

9 POKEMON WEBSITE

Title: Pokémon Trading Card Game
Country: USA
URL: www.pokemon-tcg.com

If you're just starting out in the world of the Pokémon Trading Card game, things can be very confusing! Well fret not – get yourself to this website for a full beginner's guide to playing the game. The Organised Play info is all for Americans, but there are plenty of tips and strategies that work all around the world!

10 POKEMON WEBSITE

It's a shame this one is all in Japanese because it's one of the most amazing websites we've ever seen. So much animation, so many characters. Just go and see!

Title: Official Pokémon Japan Website
Country: Japan
URL: www.pokemon.jp

poke puzzles!

The puzzles are short but sweet this issue. Normal puzzle service will be resumed for next time!

wordsearch wonders!

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Can you search out this list of Ground Pokémon in the wordsearch?

- SANDSHREW
- SANDSLASH
- NIDOQUEEN
- NIDOKING
- DIGLETT
- GEODUDE
- GROUDON
- CLAYDOL
- BALTOY
- CAMERUPT
- TRAPINCH
- BARBOACH
- WHISCASH

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As we write this issue, we're dreaming of a log fire, it's so cold! So here are some Fire Pokémon to unscramble

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monster of the month

Seviper

Evolution: None

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Type: Poison **Height:** 8' 10" **Weight:** 116 lbs

Special Ability: Shed Skin

Description: This Pokémon has a nasty sword-like tail that serves two purposes – it slashes foes and douses them with secreted poison! This Pokémon will not give up its long-running blood feud with Zangoose. Just don't get in the way when a Zangoose and Seviper are about to attack each other!

It'll be nearly Easter when we see you again – get the new issue on 8th March!

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